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As a result of the recently published proposed development of Silverton, I write to object strongly to any major development involving the building of more than 25 houses outside the current boundaries of the village. Even this would probably result in some 30 more cars and 65 more people of which say 30 would be children. This view is taken because any numbers beyond this would inevitably put a strain on the present infrastructure, requiring improved public transport, car parking facilities, larger school and surgeries, wider roads, improved accesses, larger sewage capacity and so on. A large development would also detract from the present rural character of the village and its current lack of sprawl.

There are two sites within the current proposals that have some merit to consider, should it be conceded that major development is not suitable. These are **Site 3, The Garage** and the Eastern half of **Site 1, Land at Old Butterleigh Road**. Some 15 houses could probably be accommodated on these sites and the current boundaries not exceeded. In fact the resultant buildings would be "infilling" and arguably enhancing two of the current entrances into the village.

Finally, as this plan is supposed to suffice into the 2030's your attention is drawn to the derelict plot in **Fore Street**, opposite the **Silverton Inn**. This currently has planning permission for 10 houses and is apparently "not for sale" at present. Adjacent to it going towards **Wyndham Road** is another derelict piece of land. Surely within some 10 years these sites **MUST** be developed, thus adding say another 15 houses to the 15 already identified above. This would not only tidy up the centre of the village, but cause little or no objection from any villagers. In fact it would probably be welcomed.

In conclusion, the above small developments would more than likely appeal to local builders and tradesmen to undertake, thus further benefiting the local population with employment.

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