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Subject: Proposed retail and Leisure development at junction 27, M5 Motorway

Wellington Town Council's attention has recently been drawn to the emerging Mid Devon Local Plan which contained proposals to allocate 230 acres of land for the development of a unique leisure and tourism destination at junction 27 0f the M5. It appears that the site would contain a cinema, visitor centre and retail park together with housing and links to Tiverton Parkway railway station.

The Town Council considered that such a large development would have a detrimental impact on Wellington. The proposals, if implemented, would create pressure on local facilities, draw shoppers away from Wellington and adversely affect the vitality of the town centre. Although full details were not currently available it was felt that by lodging representations at this stage it would help to preserve Wellington's position.

The proposals raised issues which would need further consideration. On the basis of information available at this time, however, the Town Council would wish to submit an objection in principle.

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