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13th March 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to oppose two applications of land in the village of Copplestone; in particular Dulings Meadow and Bewsley Farm at the back of Sunnymead.

My reason for opposing these applications are as follows -

Dulings Meadow/ Bewsley Farm at the back of Sunnymead -

The village school is oversubscribed with children at this present time, meaning any further large developments would put even more pressure on the school and they would be unable to perform to their current high standards. This would also push the children out of the village if they cannot get a place at their local school, meaning more commuting to other nearby local schools.

Dulings Meadow/ Bewsley Farm at the back of Sunnymead -

There is a lack of leisure facilities for the youths. We currently have no village hall or youth centres and have limited park facilities for the younger generation of the village to go, which is currently causing problems in the village as it is. Building further developments will only increase the amount of children congregating in areas they perhaps shouldn't be.

Bewsley Farm at the back of Sunnymead -

The infrastructure of the road in and out of these areas is not good enough as it is at present any further traffic up this hill would be fatal. There is no footpath leading up Bewsley Hill at present meaning that the children walking up to the school have to walk on the road for part of their school journey. If the traffic was to increase up the hill I could see this becoming very dangerous.

Also on the morning commute there is a lot of traffic on the A377 particularly coming out of the Bewsley Hill junction with traffic coming in all directions with school drop off and work commuters.

Dulings Meadow/ Bewsley Farm at the back of Sunnymead -

It is worrying that changes to the environment have increased flooding in the area. The building of the estate in Dulings Meadow, in 2005, has increased the flooding from Salix stream by 50% and Sunnymead stream already floods the park. Surely building more houses on these areas is just going to make the situation an awful lot worse?

Dulings Meadow/ Bewsley Farm at the back of Sunnymead -

We currently have fairly good transport links to Credton and Exeter etc, however in this day and age it does not really match the needs of people wishing to travel on a Sunday or later in the evening. At present there is no bus service on a Sunday from the village which is a great inconvenience, especially when the trains are not running.

The train service has one late night train on a Friday evening which I am sure does not meet the needs of the people in the village currently.

In conclusion myself and my husband are opposed to the two sites mentioned above, we however think that if any new developments were to be completed it would make most sense to have it at the Old Abattoir site, as that is closest to one of the most recent developments and there is already clear access to the proposed plot there. It could also hold the 40 houses that are needed to meet the quota for affordable housing.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Laura Tapp