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Your Ref: LP Review/2

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Dear Mr Williams,

Re: Local Plan Review - Options Stage Consultation

It was with some horror I learned about the proposal to build nearly 3000 houses between Willand and J27. I wish it to be noted I object to this in the strongest possible manner, as I do the whole Junction 27 development.

I moved to Devon from London 28 years ago. I have witnessed the mass decimation of beautiful countryside and the decline in close community spirit first hand. I have lived in Willand 15 years, 8 in Worcester Crescent and 7 in Beech Close. I love it that we only have the post office, chemist, one stop, pub and church. It is a proper village! If people want more, there are plenty of towns around.

Willand is already built up to its maximum designated settlement area. It is not acceptable the school is bursting at the seams and the village roads are ever busier. We ought to be accepting and appreciating the infrastructure we have and limit all building, numbers of school children, etc to keep Willand the desirable place it is. The village has already been further scarred by the recent commercial development and I would encourage the courtesy of some tree planting to hide the view from the roundabout on the main road going out toward J27.

I understand the Parish Council is prepared to support building at the exception site on the B3181by way of compromise. I also understand that the Quicks Farm land could also be used as it is also connected to an exception site. This is already too much!

I call upon you to stop indiscriminate building throughout the Mid Devon area and lead by example to encourage other councils in Devon to do the same. Choose to Save Devon, especially the villages! Make a stand for quality living rather than falling in like sheep to comply with targets. Governments across the world call for inappropriate action and when people join together and stand firm they win through. Why allow our beautiful countryside and villages to be lost to commercialism? I submit this is criminal. Please take action now to provide a positive legacy for future generations in Devon as well as Willand.

Yours sincerely,

Demi Schneider