



Quicks Farm
Uffculme Road
Willand, Cullompton
EX15 2SA

17TH March 14

Dear Mr Williams/Planning officer,

Local plan review Willand/Junction 27-Quicks Farm off the Uffculme Straought- 68 houses

I would like to object to the above development proposed within Willand parish.

I have the tenancy for Quicks Farm from the RABI (land owner) and farm the land as a commercial farm with my wife and young sons aged 23 and 21 who are keen to take on the farm in the future.

The field is a green field site and very fertile, it is one of our early fields which we can stock in the Spring, the farm has many meadow and loam soil fields which are too wet to farm other than in the Summer.

We farm 200 acres comprising of a 170 beef suckler herd and 450 sheep flock, Quicks Farm is our main holding with sheds and building to house the stock during the winter/wet summers. We walk cattle and sheep along Quicks Farm lane and onto the Uffculme Road, this is going to be made even more difficult with the change of access of Quicks Farm onto the Uffculme Road, which is a very fast road with very few vehicles keeping within the speed limit. We feel that it too dangerous to have a housing development so close to a working farm with dung pits and dirty water storage tanks. We will soon be getting complaints about the level of smell and noise of the animals.

There are very few family farms left in the area and this development will jeopardise our business and we may not be able to continue, we have already had land taken from our tenancy for the Willand Moor housing development and Willands Mid Devon Business Park. If this field is developed it could well be the last nail in the coffin.

I strongly object to the above planning proposal as it's a green field site, the village has a lack of infrastructure, with Willand school and pre-school bursting full to capacity with nowhere to expand.

Yours sincerely,

Gerald Westcott