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To: DPD
Subject: Parish Plan @ Cheriton Fitzpaine



Dear Sir / Madam

I write with reference to the proposed parish plan for Cheriton Fitzpaine. My comments on the plan are as follows:

Proposed areas: Of the four areas proposed, I would **strongly object** to the Glebe field being used for building. This is an area of great natural beauty that is used by many of the villagers as a recreational area for dog walking, play, etc. It also housed two magnificent Oak trees that I believe are subject to a preservation order. Is there any way that this area can be awarded some kind of protected status, e.g. as a designated green space? I strongly believe that the entire approach to, and outlook of the village would be ruined if this beautiful area were to be built upon. My preferred area for future building would be on the area between Barnes Hill and the school, as this seems to me to be logical in-fill.

Number / type of houses: Whilst I agree that there is a need for some additional housing in the village, this should be on a priority basis for local families. I certainly do not see a need for anywhere near the the number of houses proposed, which would be greatly excessive and would change the entire nature of the village. I understand that 35% of any new housing will be social / affordable. Presumably the bus service will be greatly improved in order to service these household, as there is very little (if any) employment to be found in the village?

Infrastructure: The village currently suffers from frequent power cuts and inadequate drainage - the drains are very old and cannot cope with current demand. During certain weather conditions my own house experiences extremely unpleasant smells from the sewage pipes that run beneath it which are believed to be collapsing due to age and excessive usage. We have had these smells investigated and there is little we can do with the drains in their current state. Any increase on the current burden could prove disastrous. I am also concerned about the increase in traffic that would occur. We are surrounded on all sides by narrow country lanes and at peak times of the day these are already very busy and quite hazardous. Any substantial increase in traffic would make them considerably more dangerous with increased likelihood of accidents. How do the council propose to overcome this?

I would appreciate your acknowledgement of my email, and look forward to receiving your reply

Yours faithfully

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