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Re:
Local Plan Review, Cheriton Fitzpaine



I wish to make the following points:

1. I live in a thriving village, that has, over the years, had gradual development which has helped to maintain a social mix and a range of ages. I came to the village in the 1970s, when I was 27, and am now a state pensioner, having never really wished to move anywhere else. That says something about the village.
2. To prevent the village becoming full of old people like me, further careful development will help to provide an influx of younger people.
3. Of the 4 sites listed for potential development, the site known as Glebeland to the south of Drake's Meadow and Pynes Close would be unsuitable for development because of its status as a village amenity. Not just a place where people regularly walk their dogs, it is also a favourite for walkers generally and for tobogganing by children and adults when there is snow; some very fine trees including a double evergreen oak contribute to the field which is, because of its position on a north-facing hill, highly visible to the rest of the village, not just the adjacent neighbours. There is a strong feeling within the village that this field should be protected for the future enjoyment of the community, hopefully being identified as "green space".
4. There is an identified need for affordable/social housing, which should be provided for at the planning stage, together with improvements in public transport to help younger people who cannot afford to own a car.

Yours faithfully,

C. P. Howell.