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We OBJECT to JUNCTION 27 OPTION and the 3,000 houses proposed.

We already have the Gateway to Devon with lovely green fields, rolling hills and woodland, and DO NOT WANT OR NEED a massive and unnecessary development. There is already a large Shell Garage, a Travel Lodge, and Public House, and the Well Garden Centre. It is vital that we continue to support these businesses which more than adequately support the public.

The proposal would make Willand part of a 3 mile town with no centre and no suitable infrastructure. This option would also damage the town centre in Cullompton and Tiverton in particular. This proposal and the one at Quick's Farm are all from land owners/developers who do not live in Willand, or even in Mid Devon.

We OBJECT to the Quick's Farm development.

The loss of prime agricultural land and the best field of Quick's Farm, could make the farm uneconomic. This proposed development would be adjacent to a working and productive farm, and therefore not good for the farm or the residents, particularly the operation of heavy machinery, impact of slurry and flies.

Access of so many houses onto the Uffculme Road would add to the dangers there. The Willand Moor Road access is unacceptable, and the infrastructure was never intended for the volume of traffic that would occur, and also with the children's play areas nearby. The Willand Primary School is already over subscribed by 50 children, and the doctor's surgery already full to capacity.

PLANNING OPTIONS AFFECTING WILLAND

We support OPTION 1 - focus development on 3 main towns as in core strategy to 2026.

We support OPTION 2b - Development at CULLOMPTON east of M5 (Honiton Road). Development of Cullompton could be of great benefit to Willand if heavy traffic could be removed from the main street. It would then become an attractive place to shop. Further development could result in the relief road parallel to the M5 to bypass the main street, or a Junction 28a to CULLOMPTON SOUTH. The possibility of a Cullompton Railway Station would be attractive too.

We support retention of the current settlement limit at Willand, except for affordable housing proposals. Willand should remain A RURAL VILLAGE, which is the attraction of it.

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