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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Objection to Proposed Land Development of Silverton.**

I am writing in regard to the proposals to allocate land for development. Silverton has not been a village which has stood still, over the years it has expanded vastly. More recently in the village there has been a great deal of in filling. The former Londis development site still has properties has properties which have remained unsold. The old hall site still has not been purchased for development. Therefore why is there a need to expand on the outskirts of the village when there is still potential for buying or building more houses within the village centre?

All the roads bar one running beside the proposed development sites are narrow. Roads would have to be made wider and hedge rows removed, destroying natural habitat and the rural environment. None of the roads in and around the village are really suitable for an increase in volume of traffic.

I gave strong concerns about the proposed Old Butterleigh Road sites. This would bring increased traffic through a conservation area and heavy lorries during the building period. I am worried this could have a detrimental effect to the foundations and damage to the listed buildings in Fore Street.

Other issues with a large increase of housing in the village would be knock on effect to the services i.e. the village school, health centre and sewage system.

It is my understanding that Cullompton would welcome increased development or for a new community to be build nearby. This surely would be the way forward and be beneficial to the town centre rather than

turning villages into towns. Considering Silverton has lost its main source of employment with the closure of the paper mill, I do not wish for Silverton to be turn into a commuter town and lose the village atmosphere. Therefore I feel it would be better for the larger amount of building houses to be concentrated in the Cullompton area.

Yours faithfully

Miss R M Yeo