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Re: Proposed Junction 27 .development

I have strong objections to the proposed development at junction 27 on the following grounds:

1. Theatres, hotels, conference and visitor centres are definitely not needed as they are already in Exeter, Taunton, Wellington and Cullompton. Theatres in both Taunton and Exeter are finding it difficult to survive so build more? Wellington, Tiverton and Cullompton already have conference centres in hotels and golf clubs so why build more? Business will only be taken away from companies and small businesses already established, working hard to survive.
2. Local businesses are fighting hard to keep going. We don't need Cullompton, Tiverton and Wellington with more empty shops and boarded up windows.
3. Local jobs will be lost and newly created employment will need people to travel in from outside the area increasing traffic congestion and air pollution which is hardly helping the carbon footprint.
4. Why build on greenfield sites when there are plenty of brownfield sites waiting for development? It is because it is much cheaper for the developer and, therefore, greater profits!
5. The building of this huge development will be very disruptive to local residents and villages with increased traffic, noise and pollution.
6. This will also be very damaging to wildlife. I have a woodland very near which is a haven for wildlife.
7. Tourists come to this area because of its rural features and character, its small market towns and its fascinating history. They don't come to see a modern development which could be anywhere in the country and certainly they don't want to see boarded up ghost towns.

8. I have yet to meet or hear of anyone who is actually in favour of this dreadful suggestion other than the developers.

We need to support the local businesses we already have, to be proud of our local area and small market towns and villages. Therefore, I entreat you to support us in the bid to get this plan rejected and abandoned.

Thank you.

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