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The Coach House
Werriscombe Court



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Dear Sirs

Re draft Local Plan Review

We are writing to object to Option 1 in the Local Plan Review, the possible further extension of Tiverton eastwards to the Grand Western Canal, to include most of Hartnoll Farm for the following reasons.

- 1 The rural landscape east of Manley Lane forms an ideal green corridor between Tiverton and Halberton and this would be destroyed if the land at Hartnoll Farm were to be developed. There is a real danger that the special character of Halberton would be lost. It would, in effect, become a suburb of Tiverton.
- 2 The development would have a severe adverse effect on the Grand Western Canal, one of Mid Devon's major tourist attractions, and would lead to the loss of a countryside area and park. This would be tragic.
- 3 In our view Hartnoll Farm should be retained as farmland because, firstly, it is situated in an attractive area of Devon countryside and, secondly, with its valuable Grade 1 soils it is potentially a highly productive farm.
- 4 The traffic problems would be exacerbated. Halberton already experiences considerable road congestion and road safety issues. The building of 1100 houses at Hartnoll Farm would not only make these worse but completely unacceptable. Tiverton has expanded too far eastwards already.

We think that other options are preferable, including Option 2a ie the building of a new settlement at Junction 27-Willand. This would be ideally situated as a transport hub with its proximity to the M5, A361 and Tiverton Parkway station. It could be an ideal site for many commercial and retail businesses and residential development would be popular with those commuting to Taunton, Exeter and further afield.

Yours faithfully

Mr.I.C. and Mrs.C.M.Pengelly