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Local Plan Review Consultation
Forward Planning
Mid Devon District Council
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Dear Sir

Proposed development of 51 New Houses off Bowdens Lane, Shillingford, Devon

We write to object to the proposed development for 50+ houses off Bowdens Lane, Shillingford. Firstly, the inhabitants of Shillingford, most of whom attended a recent meeting in Shillingford Village Hall are angered and dismayed at the underhand manner in which this proposed development has come to light, giving very little time for valid discussion and to raise objections and oppose the proposed development.

It is our view that Shillingford cannot support a development of this size for the following important reasons.

1. Shillingford is a small hamlet, which depends for its much of its existence on Bampton. A development of this size would completely change the character of this hamlet.
2. We question where the Incomers would find work?
3. We question where the children of the Incomers would be educated. Bampton School is full to capacity, even though it was recently rebuilt. Bolham School is 8 miles away. The next nearest school is in Dulverton, Somerset.
4. Thus the next objection relates to the amount of extra traffic, viz.two cars per household, negotiating a narrow lane and an already difficult junction. In addition, Bampton is already plagued with a double-parking problem.
5. Another important issue is Sewerage. Shillingford consists of circa 80 households. We question how the existing Sewerage system could possibly cope with the increased demand of 50+ households; each household - 2 adults, 2 children +, viz 200+ individuals?
6. A further most important issue is Bampton Surgery. A potential influx of circa 200+ patients would strain the resources of an already very busy Surgery.

We object to the proposed development. We urge these essential reasons for objection be taken into account. People have moved to this area of Outstanding Natural Beauty during the last 30/40 years specifically for the peaceful views and the ambience that a small hamlet community offers.

Yours faithfully

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