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To: DPD
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Dear sir/madam

I am writing to object to the proposed option to develop a retail outlet/theme park, industrial site and residential area at Junction 27 of the M5.

Retail outlet/Theme Park

This development will use agricultural land and will compete for local retail activities from our already struggling local towns – Tiverton, Cullompton, and Wellington as well as local garden centres. Figures of 3000-4000 are quoted as the number of jobs created from these developments. The latest designs of the retail area show a provision for 1400 parking spaces. Where will visitors park? I believe that there is no requirement for a substantial development here.

Industrial site

This development will use agricultural land and will compete with local industrial areas which have capacity available. There is no requirement for development on this scale.

Residential area

This development will use agricultural land and will effectively swamp Willand as it is projected to be twice the size of the village. It will have the long term effect of destroying Willand as we will have to absorb demands for local facilities, schools, community etc which we do not have.. We have seen the commitments for the provision of infrastructure and have practical experience of these statements at the outline stages but them not being delivered in practice. I believe that there is no requirement for this damaging development, especially as Cullompton want to see residential development (option 2) which will provide some regeneration for the town.

I also wish to object to the development of areas just outside our settlement area which will increase the size of our village by 15-20%. They will simply place demands on limited infrastructure, school currently over subscribed, preschool oversubscribed etc. It is commonly accepted that Willand is over developed and these additional proposals will simply make matters worse and have a seriously adverse effect on the quality of life of the residents.

Kind regards
Ray