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March 20th 2014

Local Plan Review Consultation,
Forward Planning,
Mid Devon District Council,
Phoenix House,
Phoenix Lane,
TIVERTON
EX16 6PP



Dear Sir or Madam,

Local Plan Review Options Consultation: Burlescombe

With reference to the above may we start by pointing out that you describe this as the 'second consultation' on the new Local Plan, we have never been aware that there has been a first consultation within the past seventeen years which is the time that we have lived here.

We would also like to draw your attention to the fact that we were only made aware of this consultation via a neighbour, we have received nothing from Mid Devon District Council. By the time we were made aware of this consultation it was mid-March 2014 and therefore too late to attend any of the public exhibitions, and you also make the assumption that everyone has access to the internet where the plans could also be viewed. Perhaps you could review your own information giving practices, although we do accept that you take the view that the fewer people are made aware of the changes which will affect their lives, the fewer people will practice their democratic right to express their opinions, and to object.

Given the proximity of our property to the proposed development site we should have been contacted by Mid Devon District Council directly.

It may come as a surprise to you that we chose to live where we do having considered the immediate environment - had we wanted to live in the middle of a housing estate where we would be overlooked by our neighbours, then we would have chosen to buy such a property. We are also aware that the countryside views and the relative peace and quiet of the area also determined our decision - this proposed development will

ruin the environment we have chosen. Living in a countryside village away from large developments and busy roads contributes to our health and well being, should this proposed development of houses go ahead, our health will unquestionably deteriorate. We will be overlooked by our 'new' neighbours and the increased noise levels from these houses will affect us.

This, of course, does not take into consideration the inconvenience we will be subjected to during the construction of the road as well as the buildings; the increased traffic this will bring will greatly inconvenience us, as developers and builders will have no consideration for those of us who park our vehicles close to our property to give ourselves easy access; we will probably become prisoners within our own homes as we will not be able to leave them during the day due to the increased number of vehicles which the tradesmen will no doubt see as vital to their work - even though they will be parked in the one spot all day without these people ever needing them. The 'living hell' for us will be unbearable.

We have no doubt that all of these factors will have a detrimental effect on the value of our property - can we assume that we will receive some financial compensation for this, as well as all the inconvenience we will be subjected to?

We have no doubt that the decision to build on the proposed site has already been made and our views are of no interest to you or will not affect any action that you take, of even less interest to you is the debility effect it will have on the lives of the people who live close by.

Yours faithfully ,

Mr and Mrs D Pain