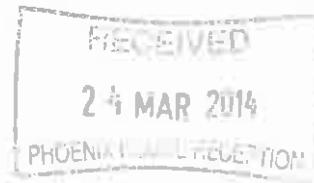


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Dear Sirs,

Draft Local Plan Review

I am writing to object to Option 1 in the Local Plan Review, the possible further extension of Tiverton eastwards to the Grand Western Canal, which would include most of Hartnoll Farm.

I have lived at Post Hill for many years, and have greatly enjoyed the walks along the Grand Western Canal, with the extensive views across attractive Devon countryside. The canal is a County Wildlife site, a Country Park, part of the National Cycle network, and an important tourist attraction, which is enjoyed by countless visitors to the area. It seems extraordinary that Hartnoll Farm should be considered as the location for up to 1,100 houses, when far better alternatives exist.

In my opinion Tiverton has already expanded much too far to the east already. The rural landscape east of Manley Lane forms a green corridor between Tiverton and Halberton and this would be destroyed if Hartnoll Farm were to be developed. There is a real danger that, if this development were to take place, the individual character of Halberton would be lost and the village would, in effect, become a suburb of Tiverton.

Another potential problem is that existing traffic problems would be greatly increased. A development of 1,100 houses would lead to far greater traffic through the quiet Post Hill residential area and any significant increase in volumes through Halberton would almost certainly lead to unacceptable levels of congestion, noise, pollution and vibration damage to buildings.. In addition, the development of Hartnoll Farm would result in the building of a new relief road north of Blundell's School, which would adversely affect valuable recreational land, and lead to real environmental problems for residents in Coleman Close and Gornhay Orchard.

In my opinion other options are much more preferable, especially Option 2a, the building of a new settlement at Junction 27/Willand. This would be ideally placed as a transport hub near to the junction of the M5 and A361, as well as Tiverton Parkway station, and its attractive location would inevitably be an attraction for many commercial and retail businesses, while local residential development would be in demand from those commuting to Exeter and Taunton.

Yours sincerely,

Polly Salter