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Mid Devon DC
Local Plan Review
Phoenix House
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Dear Sirs,

MDDC LOCAL PLAN OPTIONS REVIEW

Uplowman PC discussed the Local Plan options at their meeting on 20th March and would like the following points to be taken into account.

The Plan contains no proposed development in Uplowman Parish but some of the options could affect Uplowman Parish. Uplowman Parish is rural and depends on access to and from Tiverton and the M5 for heavy, agriculture-related vehicles and the main concern is that additional residential housing along either of the main routes to Uplowman will be detrimental to the farms and businesses in the parish.

The proposed development in Sampford Peverell Higher Town will generate additional traffic that will cause congestion for traffic to and from Uplowman accessing the motorway and national train network and the council is not in favour of this.

UPC is concerned that major developments around Junction 27 will result in increased congestion for traffic accessing the M5, crossing the motorway or using the roundabout there to access the North Devon Link Road. Uplowman Parish Council considers that the proposed development in this area is excessive and should be reduced along with construction of improved traffic flows at Junction 27.

Major development at Hartnoll Farm, in association with the already-accepted Tiverton Urban Eastern Extension, will also impact on access from Uplowman towards the west. If this proposal is adopted then transport infrastructure to enable Uplowman's agricultural businesses to continue unhindered must be in place before development starts.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Hodgson