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To: DPD
Subject: Local Plan Review - Cheriton Firzpine

Dear Sirs



RE: Housing Consultation Sites - Cheriton Fitzpaine

Having attended the Parish Meeting on 18 March at which your representative kindly attended and provided further information on this process, I write with my personal comments/observations on the Cheriton Fitzpaine consultation sites.

- I have concerns that the village would not be able to sustain a new development without significant improvements to local infrastructure. For example, I am aware that the sewerage system would struggle to cope with further a new development, the mains water already needs replacing (as I was informed last year by a SW Water engineer who had attended to fix a number of burst pipes last year), the electricity supply will require improvement but, most importantly:

- The village is accessed by small, single track lanes of at least 1.5 miles in length from the main 'B' road. It already sees a high level of traffic from outlying villages using the school and the existing residents and I believe the significant increase in traffic caused by a number of new properties would be unsustainable without vast improvements.

- While I can see the benefits of building new properties as residents of the village struggle at the moment to stay local due to a lack of properties on the market: it is concerning that there will be a significant lack of control over the type and price of properties built if a development did go ahead. If a guarantee could be made that local needs would take priority I think this would improve local enthusiasm (including my own) for new properties but if this cannot be guaranteed, I do not feel significant development would be appropriate for this village.

- Should it be determined that Cheriton Fitzpaine is an appropriate location for a new development, my opinion on the most suitable sites would be in the following order:

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4. (excluding the small parcel of land behind Cherry Meadow due to restricted access and the flood plain).

1. (excluding the flood plain).

3.

- My opinion is that it would be better to have any new properties built on the outskirts of the village rather than building a development which would necessitate a number of additional vehicles driving through an already busy village.

Specifically, site 3 and the small part of site 4 I believe would increase the risk to local children by the significant increase in traffic caused especially with the school being right next to site 3.

- If a development is given the go ahead, I believe a bigger site should be used to provide more scope for ensuring the best housing can be provided for local use.

- Finally I believe it would be highly inappropriate for the maximum amount of properties per hectare should be built in a rural area as this would be disproportionate. I understand that the practice is usually to half this number from 40 to approximately 20. A number which would be far more fitting – although my concerns above still stand.

I would be grateful if my comments could be considered as part of this process.

Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully

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