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**From:** Paul Samuels  
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**To:** DPD  
**Subject:** Response to Local Plan Consultation - J27



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of The Friends of Uffculme, voluntary society. We represent the views of over 60 households in Mid-Devon and are strongly opposed to the plans to develop Junction 27 into a retail/business park and housing estate.

The retail park will have severe repercussions for the existing Market Towns, drawing away retail and tourist spend while the claims of 4,000 jobs has no evidence to support it nor takes into account the job losses as existing shops/businesses are forced to close.

The business park is not required as Willand Business Park still has two-thirds capacity unused.

The J27 developers have been attempting to pressurise those who do not want to sell their land for the development and anyone who campaigns against them. We have spoken to landowners who have received such visits and also received anonymous text messages telling us to 'back off'.

Mid-Devon needs investment in our digital infrastructure and support for small businesses e.g. loans, tackling the skills shortage, etc.

Regards

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