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### Mid Devon District Council – Local Plan Review

We have read with dismay the following proposals contained within the Local Plan Review (LPR).

1. Willand – Quicks Farm Site
2. Willand J27 Development



We object to the above proposals and would highlight the following issues:

#### 1. Willand – Quicks Farm Site

- The site is outside of the village settlement line.
- Loss of agricultural land.
- There is inadequate road access. Access through the current estate development off Willand Moor Road would increase the traffic and danger to pedestrians to an unacceptable level. Access via the Uffculme Straight is dangerous. It is well known that excessive speeds are regularly used on this stretch of road.
- The site backs on to current housing and would result in loss of privacy and overshadowing.
- The beautiful views across to the Blackdown Hills will be spoilt.
- The additional houses will increase the pressure on already overstretched infrastructure requirements.
- The primary school is already over-crowded.
- There will be increased traffic through the village.
- Medical facilities are already under severe pressure. It's already very difficult to get appointments with GPs.
- There is a general lack of facilities in Willand. Extra housing will mean additional use of cars, increasing traffic.
- Willand has already had it's fair share of development.
- Willand is a village – not a town.

#### 2. Willand J27 Development

- J27 is the gateway to beautiful Devon. Currently visitors are greeted by welcoming green fields, a truly inspiring and refreshing sight.

- The proposed development would instead provide a view of a sprawling industrial site, and substantial residential buildings.
- The proposed housing development would mean we would lose agricultural land. The scenery all the way from J27 to the village of Willand would change from green fields into an industrial site followed by a huge housing development.
- There would be a huge impact on infrastructure requirements.
- The whole nature of the area would be changed for ever.
- There would be increased traffic, certainly more than Willand could cope with.
- The proposed development of J28 at Cullompton would make a lot more sense.
- The overall impact is to turn Willand from a village into a town. This is not acceptable.

We feel very strongly about these proposals. The very reason we were attracted to Willand was because of its rural beauty. The two developments above, for the reasons stated, would mean that it would lose this attraction.

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