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**To:** DPD  
**Subject:** Local Plan Review - Options Stage Consultation. Kentisbeare land allocation and Mid Devon land allocation.

24<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Dear Sirs



Re: Local Plan Review – Options Stage Consultation. Kentisbeare land allocation and Mid Devon land allocation.

I write to raise our concerns with regard to the allocation of land for possible development at the site above Kentisbeare Village Hall. For the reasons detailed below, my wife and I regard this site as unsuitable for any development:

1. The site is on the skyline of Kentisbeare and is the gateway to our village. Any development would be an eyesore, having a detrimental visual impact on views of the parish church, the village itself and the views beyond.
2. Parking is a concern as the village hall car park is used as a village car park. There are continual problems at school start and finish times. The Police have been monitoring the situation as there have been issues regarding the safety of children with the volume of traffic at such times. Although there is insufficient parking for the school traffic at the hall, parents are encouraged to use the hall to alleviate the congestion in the small village square.
3. During the Winter of 2012, both Manor Close and the churchyard suffered with water run-off from land above the church. Further development in the area above the church could cause more serious problems to the land below. Both Land Drainage at MDDC and DCC Highways are aware of this problem, having carried out site visits.
4. Development could have a detrimental effect on the village hall with regard to bookings. The hall would not be so attractive, being in a less rural setting with development above it. Problems could arise with parking at functions due to an over-spill from the development which is inevitable. There could be a problem with environmental issue, due to dwellings being affected by noise from functions at the hall.
5. Kentisbeare is a small picturesque village which remains relatively unspoilt. There are already some housing estates in the village which we feel are not in keeping with the village. Aside from the last housing estate, there have been approximately ten developments within the parish which we consider sufficient. It is unnecessary to continue to develop and spoil villages as Government policy is for continued development. Development should remain in towns where there is infrastructure and villages should remain as so, and not have housing estates built around them.

With regard to possible development in either Cullompton, Willand or Tiverton, we consider this unnecessary due to there having been significant development in all of these areas over recent years. There is also continued development at Wellington, Taunton and Exeter. The existing infrastructure within Mid Devon is inadequate to cope with development. It seems that with any development locally, infrastructure is not properly considered. The road network cannot cope with the volume of houses being built and there are insufficient facilities with regard to education, healthcare etc.

We cannot understand the requirement for continued development. Where are all of these people coming from, where are they living now. Where will they all work and why do they do they need to live specifically in Mid Devon and the South West?

We consider that the answer is not to continue with development but to look at the problem of the increasing population and perhaps address immigration. There are a large number of second/holiday homes in the South West, many of

which remain empty for several months each year. If this was also addressed in some way, there would be more homes available. Government should not continue to destroy the countryside and imply that the problem is due to a continuous growth in population, when the real problems lie elsewhere and should be properly addressed.

Yours faithfully

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