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Dear Sirs

I take this opportunity to comment on the proposed development site within the village of Kentisbeare.

I feel that this site is an unsuitable location for development for the following reasons.

1. Flooding from the river Kenn is already a problem that has affected village properties at both ends of the village. Homes, gardens, roads and the school playing field have all been affected by flooding in the past. The river has pinch points and fills with silt from the surrounding farmland. Any additional run off from development would no doubt enter the river Kenn at some point and cause even greater problems.
2. The development would sit on one of the highest points of the village. It would be an eyesore from many areas within the village and would block a lovely view on approaching the village.
3. I believe there would be problems with residents and visitors using the village hall car park. This car park is already used by the school -as parking within the village is already limited. The occupancy for the car-park is 50 and it is often full when popular functions are being held there.
4. I believe there is the potential for a noise and traffic problem from the hall. It is a very popular venue holding many functions and classes- I could see a potential dropping in bookings if there was development so close.
5. I believe that the need for low cost housing identified in 2009 should be reviewed as I have found very little support for this amongst parishioners I have spoken too.
6. Many villages up and down the country have been lost by overdevelopment and residents now have the anonymity of a small town. I believe we should be protecting the village/country way of life that Kentisbeare and other smaller villages enjoy and that visitors enjoy coming to.

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