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Subject: Objection to Large Scale Silverton Development



Dear Sir

I would like to object to any proposal of large scale housing development in Silverton. I have an immediate interest as I live in Church Rd and would overlook any potential creation of your proposed 43 new houses in the 'Glebe' area.

There have been several valid and rational objections from members of the Silverton community and I would like to echo a number of the points raised so far.

On the whole, I would like to see MDDC fulfil its remit, as laid out in the Local Plan, in that where development is considered necessary, it avoids where ever possible the indiscriminate donation of Greenfield land for 'development'. Development infers improvement, and is greatly subjective. Plans should be be detailed and agreed upon by the people who will have to live with it. In the Local Plan there is the qualification of a 'Local Need' as a prerequisite for development. How is this determined? Who is involved in this process?

I believe that there is always a degree of evolution and natural growth to a village community and the secret is to manage this sensibly. In-filling of unused land between existing developments, use of proposed brownfield sites, the exclusion of development within a conservation area, respect for sites of historical interest and of environmental value are all activities I would actively support and be content to aid in their realisation. In fact, the Local Plan goes a long way to promote exactly this. It would be unfortunate if the MDDC chose to compromise these declared ideals as it will surely lead to much conflict and not the co-operation that would provide for more timely and less expensive realisation of your goals. Please continue to confer with the local community and use its suggestions to provide for the optimal outcome for all.

I look forward to seeing the outcome of the consultation.

Yours faithfully

Robert Hale