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Request

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Dear Local Plan Committee,

I hereby submit some of my thoughts regarding your LPR.

1. I believe that of the three plans that you are considering, the majority of the new housing would be better placed near existing towns or sites near good transport links and services. Rural bulk building should be avoided as the infrastructure is not sufficient to cope with it. Lack of public transport, broadband, limited water pressure and frequent power cuts are just a few of the issues that rural housing would have to contend with. People should have good facilities near them and rural communities are not the most cost effective way of delivering them.

2. There is a need for more houses overall and this is also true in rural areas. Rural areas however should concentrate on more affordable houses for the local community. Young families are unable to stay where they were brought up and villages lose out to 'gerification' and commuter belt.

3. Rural villages like Cheriton Fitzpaine can only cope with small levels of building for all the reasons mentioned in 1. Also so that the unique historical nature of these places are not lost excessive development should be avoided.

4. There are four sites within Cheriton Fitzpaine mentioned in the review. My preference for building is clear. The Glebe land is the least suitable site. Landboat View would be my most favoured site - with more options for access than some others, but I also feel that the land near the school is also a good option.

a)Cheri Fitz is already built on a linear basis, following the natural line of the valley. The Glebe land development would negatively impact the whole village by dominating the 'skyline' as it rises above the natural 'hilltop'. Listed properties will be negatively affected and the historic nature and legacy of the village will be lost forever. The other three sites are already along the 'linear' line and so are preferable.

b)The Glebe land will be a very expensive site to develop. The steep slope, road access (and therefore also lack of pavement potential), utility provision and flood prevention measures (for the houses downstream) will mean it is unlikely that the developer will be able to put any cheaper, affordable local houses on this site - which are, as mentioned before, definitely the preference of the villagers.

c)The Glebe land should be considered for Local Green Space status. It is currently used by a large number of villagers (courtesy of the farmer currently renting the property from the Dioceses) as a recreational area. Walking, dog walking, and children playing (there is a swing on the magnificent tree at the heart of this land). Indeed it is a valuable tobogganing site in the winter too! As we do not have a 'village green' type of village - this land provides an important and much needed recreational focus. It would be a huge shame to lose this site to building as there are other , more suitable sites available within the plan.

Thank you for you attention and good luck with your deliberations!

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