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Hello, I'm not sure if this is the right email address to post my thoughts on the local plan review for Cheriton Fitzpaine but if not could you please forward it on to the right correspondent.

I've lived in the village almost all my life after my parents moved into a council house at Wordland Cross, then into another council house in the village at Landboat View. I went to school at the old school and now feel privileged to be working at the new school. I also coach the youth football at the football club and both my sons play for the senior teams at the club so feel I'm in a good position to comment on the local plan for the village.

My feelings are that more housing will be good for the village with I think a definite need for housing for young people in the village. At the football club I see lots of local young adults in our senior teams 18+ who were born and brought up in the village and still come and play for "their" team but have had to move out of Cheriton to places like Crediton, Copplestone, Tiverton & other areas to find affordable housing for them to live, my oldest son being one of them.

I myself had to move out of Cheriton when I was younger and got married and moved to Crediton & then Tiverton before a divorce meant my 2 sons and I moving back with my parents. Luckily for me a divorce settlement meant I was able to buy my parents ex council house in Landboat view while they moved to a different part of the village. There is no way I could have afforded a mortgage for a house in Cheriton without the divorce settlement from selling a previous property.

Cheriton Fitzpaine is a fantastic village with a proud community feel and am really thankful I was able to bring my two children up in the village environment.

My views on the four sites of the local plan are that I'd like to see affordable housing, like starter homes for young people & social housing on the land adjacent to the new primary school.

The landboat farm site could be more for families like houses (3 bedroom) already in the nearby Cherry meadow & Cherry Close area.

The site at Barnshill Close could be for bigger housing, also like there is already on the Barnshill estate.

I'm not really sure about how the "Glebe" site would sit within the area of the village. While all the other sites would fit easily into the current plan of the village this would be my least favourite site and would only be my final choice if the other sites failed in some way.

I'm not someone who usually gets involved in drafting letters to the council but I do feel passionately that there should be more housing available in the village for people, like my sons and my friends children to be able to live and bring up their eventual families in the same community setting that they and I were able to enjoy.

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