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Request

From: Patricia Forr
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To: DPD
Subject: Local Plan Review Options Consultation document of January 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

I write in response to the Local Plan Review Options Consultation document of January 2014.

I would like to comment on the review to the inclusion of the South Molton Road site for development of 80 houses. I find this proposal incredible when the site has already been rejected on several occasions and has now been re-submitted on an even larger site. I understand that the council is 'obliged' to reconsider these applications which I do not understand the sense of wasting time and money when nothing has changed to warrant revisiting this application. On the contrary I would have thought that as Bampton has been re-classified from a town to village status it would rather think that Bampton would be excluded from any further redevelopment for the foreseeable future as Bampton has already far exceeded its fair share of development in recent years on this basis alone.

This proposed site is a highly visible one from across the village in various directions, it has been on postcards because of its attractive green open undeveloped hillside. We need to retain as much as possible what is left of Bampton's attraction to visitors as this brings considerable income to many of the businesses left in the village, and also employment for the residents.

The introduction to the Options Consultation recognises the strong pull from Exeter for employment. Bampton is about the furthest of the 22 villages from Exeter as possible within Mid Devon. Our bus service is totally unusable for reaching Exeter and returning to Bampton on any normal working hours schedule, which would mean total reliability on car journeys. Bampton has proved to be unsuccessful at being able to encourage new business to set up in the industrial units because of the lack of high speed broadband and the inadequate road structure for heavy traffic.

You will know from previous failed applications the long list of objections to the building on this site, not enough spaces in the school available, the ongoing problems with sewerage disposal, the additional possible flooding potential from run off being caused by such a large field being built over. There are many more reasons for my objection to building not only on this site in Bampton but indeed any further development, so please before the village is destroyed by over development once again find that Bampton is not a suitable site.

Yours sincerely

Miss Patricia Ford.

