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Request

From: Chris Taylor ·
Sent: 21 March 2014 21:35
To: DPD
Subject: Proposed building on land at Bickleigh

Sir, the land under consideration for development at Bickleigh is known as 'field 0900', Brown Shute, Bickleigh', and for the purposes of this study, 'Land south of Glen View'.

The field has been under a 'no build' covenant for many years. It is also within an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. It is also an area classed as 'Proposed Local Green Space'.

Despite all these restrictions on building, the suggestion is that should building be permitted, the size of the field would allow for 45 building plots. I believe there are 113 dwellings within the Parish with most of them being on the eastern side of the river Exe. Adding 45 more dwellings would equate to a 50% increase in that area making it necessary for a lot of work to be done to upgrade the utilities.

There is no industry within 4 miles of Bickleigh thus the 45 houses would be joined by at least 45 motor cars and the requirement for a bus stop on the A396. Hopefully, road improvements would be confined to the A396. Some new residents might wish to sample the Trout and the Fisherman's Cott and would prefer to walk along the A396. In the interest of safety, this would require a pavement to be laid and street lights erected. Using the village road instead of the A396 would be strongly resisted by the current residents, particularly if street lights were involved.

Does the Bickleigh Primary School have room for more children? More building? Buses?

Climate Change is (allegedly) going to mean warmer summers. The prevailing wind at Bickleigh is from the South West / West direction thus the 45 houses would be upwind of the village. Fumes from one BBQ can cause annoyance, fumes from 20 or so could cause extreme annoyance. And I have not even talked about noise.

As you may have detected, I am strongly against this plan, fearing 18 months / two years of mayhem just to build 45 houses, probably of a style not suited to the area, in an area of insufficient business opportunities that will merely add to the traffic on an already congested road.

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