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Dear Sirs

I write to object most strongly to the above proposals for junction 27 for the following reasons. Firstly the consultation has been far from fair for months on end MDDC have been giving their whole attention and resources to the developers giving lip service to the local residents about fair play. Spending taxpayer money on barristers etc.

As for the amended proposals A travel hub unnecessary. Agronomy a science dealing with farming methods. A little incongruous as the development will be swallowing up precious farmland to build a concrete jungle. I understand it is to be based on the Rushden shopping centre in Northamptonshire. Which will accommodate all the usual huge stores to be found in any town centre thus depriving local independent companies of their customers. This development if it is allowed to go ahead will take custom from Tiverton Exeter and the surrounding shopping towns.

An outdoor adventure centre which frankly in view of the weather forecasts of storms high winds and fairly constant rain will only be in use for less than half a year another white elephant. A visitor centre giving what I wonder Visitors come to Devon because it is Rural pleasant countryside has beaches and lovely local unspoilt villages.

Junction 27 is already a very busy Junction indeed being the main route to North Devon traffic there is often stacked up there and the proposal of I understand four thousand extra cars a day during the summer months and beyond and the pollution involved seems to me short sighted.

Finally I have been appalled that the MDDC have been using our money and their attention for several year to these proposals. The previous plans proposed by the developers have all been rejected. This plan is no better. It seems that a few greedy farmers have used absolutely every means at their disposal to bring pressure on the MDDC and that the MDDC have moved behind the backs and wishes of local residents to accommodate them. I urge you most strongly to reject this planning.

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