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Hi just thought i would share my thoughts about the cullompton development plans.

Just to give you an idea of my/our situation,

My household consist of myself (35), my wife(35) and our 3 children (9,6,2) We live in the culm lea housing estate just over the M5. We currently are living in a 4 bed semi detached house and our children currently attend Kentisbeare primary school. We have lived in cullompton now for 10yrs.

Myself and my wife are nurses and we work in the RD&E hospital - Exeter.

We also attend St Andrews church pretty much every sunday morning.

Firstly, we feel that cullompton has the potential to be a great place to live!

The current problem is... well there is currently no real reason for us to go into cullompton. we regularly shop in Tescos and occasionally take the children to the library but that's just about it!

For all other shopping/entertainment needs we jump in the car for 15 mins and end up in either Exeter, Honiton, Tiverton or Taunton.

I would imagine that this is a similar picture to many families living in cullompton!

\* We think the idea of a smaller number of large parks is GREAT! this would allow the parks to be actually worth visiting and be well maintained by the council. If you want a good example of how do get this bit right just check out the park in Exeter just behind the Digby park and ride carpark. We will often pop down here for the kids to blow off some steam :).

\*obviously school provision is really important to us, particularly secondary schooling, we are hearing good reports about cullompton community college but its facilities are very poor :( We dont want to send our children to uffculm or exeter but we will if we need to.

\*One of the most important considerations (because of where we live) for us is access into cullompton on foot. We dont want to have to get into our car everytime we want to pop into town. Currently the only realistic way for us to walk into town is over junction 28, which quite frankly is extremely dangerous.

I understand there are big plans to develop the junction (particularly now that the development of housing over our side of the M5 is looking to become a reality) but PLEASE take into consideration the experience of the pedestrian. When the plans are being constructed please ask yourselves, if you were a family of 5 on a brisk saturday morning, would having a walk into cullompton to take the children to the park (and buy an ice cream in town) be a pleasant experience? In other words please dont just stick a corrugated iron foot bridge over the M5 to keep the pedestrians happy! We long to walk our children to church every sunday morning but the experience at the moment is just too depressing :(

This will be the BIGGEST factor as to whether we stay in cullompton or move (probably) towards Honiton in the next 5yrs or so.

Sorry to bang on about the junction but as there are plans to build a significant number of houses east of the motorway it is so important that you get this right!! otherwise the residents to the east of the motorway will never step foot into cullompton, they will all just turn left into Exeter!

Obviously there are many other things that are really important:

SWIMMING POOL! we currently take our children to honiton 3 times a week AAAAGGGGHHHH!

SHOPS! there are a few nicer ones popping up but this really needs to be encouraged

TRAFFIC: Sometimes walking through cullompton is a little like walking through an industrial park, So many lorries!

and of course WE NEED A TRAIN STATION!!!!!!!!!!!! it is so annoying having to have two cars because we cant get into Exeter (a mere 14miles away)...

I know this feedback hasnt been particularly specific to your development plans, but i hope it helps,

Good luck!

Steve Harvey.

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