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To: Planning Policy

Subject: Villages Plan examination - East Devon

Dear Sirs

I am a resident of Woodbury Salterton and am writing in relation to the sections of the Villages Plan that concern Greendale Business Park, on the edge of our village. The activities at Greendale have direct effects on the quality of life here through noise, light pollution, visual intrusion, and increase in traffic on our narrow lanes - not to mention increasing commercial traffic, particularly of HGVs, along the A3052 Sidmouth Road and at the junctions with the A376 Exmouth Road, and the M5. The site is also very close to the East Devon AONB, which is a highly significant protected location for wildlife, important for recreation and tourism, and which in my view should be allowed to flourish. Greendale has grown exponentially in recent years with little or no regard for planning procedures or controls, in a way that is impossible to understand. For such a large and significant employment site, it is mystifying that it also seems to have escaped all strategic planning being carried out in Devon. The Villages Plan is the only one to have addressed the question of the appropriate size of this site, in the context of its location.

The site is self-evidently in open countryside, as is our village which is its nearest neighbour. Residents have been pleading for years for limitation of its growth in the interests of a good neighbourly relationship and for the protection of the landscape. I accept the need for employment sites around Devon, but I really believe that this particular one has reached its full potential as a site, given its proximity to residential accommodation and its effect on the transport infrastructure. It has reached a reasonable physical limit, and any further expansion would be to the great detriment of those of us that live nearby, and of the local road and lane network. Given the history of planning abuses at Greendale, I also believe that a clear and enforceable geographical limit should be set and adhered to.

I therefore ask that Strategy 8 of the East Devon Local Plan (Development in the Countryside) should be retained in the Villages Plan policy, in order to protect this village and the locality as a whole from the pernicious expansion of Greendale.

Thank you for your attention,

Diana Wackerbarth