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To: Planning Policy
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Dear Sir/Madam

Please see listed below our observations and suggestions to the Baxters Farm development brief.

We have several ideas for the use of the site, starting with the most obvious of leaving it as a farm site and offering it to local farming businesses to purchase and retain it as a much needed farming asset. Or develop a community farm to help teach and encourage young farmers.

As fairly new residents to the village, we understood that this site would provide (once it was no longer to be a council farm facility) Musbury's housing development area to accord with the parish plan of providing affordable housing which had already been calculated. It was a total surprise to hear that another piece of land at the opposite end of the village had in the meantime been granted planning for a piece of open farm land which local residents had objected to. Does this now detract from the Baxters Farm main development purpose?

Other ideas for Baxters Farm :-

- Provide an over 55's development reflecting government strategies to reduce reliance on private transport (cars) and reduce carbon emissions/pollution etc by siting such development close to amenities and established community assets.
- Provide a sympathetically developed 'light' industrial park comprising low profile, aesthetically pleasing units. Offering affordable rents to encourage local businesses to invest and establish. Also offering young start up businesses in the village which would encourage local employment opportunities thus helping retention of local young people.
- Provide a mix of affordable and higher end housing development to encourage social mobility, interaction, co-hesion and aspiration, only if needed, see above points.

In conclusion could the site have a mixture of all the above using retained buildings as business units? If not, why not?

Above all whatever takes place, it must look attractive, in keeping, in the vernacular and enhance the AONB.

The brief continually makes reference to 'sensitive' re-development of the site without detracting from the appearance of the village. So if 'housing' is chosen, all these points must be carried forward and not lost in the process. All development principles must be adhered to, i.e. covenants specifying no caravans, no works vans or trucks, no commercial advertising, no large expanses of concrete, no high fencing, no communal amenities blocks.

We would appreciate a response and acknowledgment to our points.

