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EDDC's DEVELOPMENT BRIEF FOR BAXTERS FARM, MUSBURY

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HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: NO OBJECTION

TRAVELLERS' SITE: OBJECTION

From what I heard from EDDC's spokesperson Claire Rodway at the public meeting in Musbury village hall on Wed 15 August, the Council has a list of potential locations for the travellers' site, and Baxters Farm is not near the top. This is understandable, for the following reasons:

1. As Ms Rodway alluded, no developer buying the Baxters Farm site would want a travellers' site alongside it as shown in the current scheme. It would reduce the selling prices of the houses and even make some unsaleable.
2. Musbury has at its centre a Grade II listed mansion, Mountfield House, which has been allowed to fall into dereliction since the owner vacated it more than 20 years ago (if she ever lived in it). In itself this is disgraceful. But worse, since last February [REDACTED] have been breaking into it at night, usually at weekends, and removing anything worthwhile. I myself have had a group of about ten youngsters exiting the grounds at 1.20am, ringing our doorbell, and running away laughing down The Street. Because of this deplorable situation I suggest that Musbury should actually be eliminated from EDDC's list, for fear of adding to the trouble.
3. Some villagers have pointed out that wherever the site finally lands, a lifestyle of residence for part of the year at a permanent location followed by taking off for a few months travelling every year, is one that many of us would aspire to. How then will the so-called travellers be much different, other than requiring subsidised social housing?

Finally I would like to commend Ms Rodway for the manner in which she explained the Council's development brief and handled the many questions from the audience afterwards. A difficult task well done.

Yours faithfully,

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