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I attended the recent presentation of the Local Plan at the Gateway, Seaton and have been given your e mail address to forward my comments.

We live in the Prince Charles Way area of Seaton and are very concerned for local residents at the proposal to allow 40 new homes to be built at LP_Seat_02. If this number of dwellings is built we are concerned about the traffic driving onto Poplar Tree Drive (or other proposed access). There would be at least 40 cars trying to drive off the estate onto a road that is already congested with parked cars which the local bus and other private and business traffic already have to contend with. We could foresee accidents waiting to happen.

If this building project does go ahead, would you consider the possibility of reducing the number of houses as was done in the recent Rowan Drive project. Also would you please consider restricting the type of homes to bungalows to fit in with the adjacent estate of older residents?

We understand from residents living next to the field in question that already there is a problem with water draining off the field in times of wet weather. Has this matter been taken into consideration when looking at the suitability for building?

We are also concerned about the effect on the infrastructure if these 40 homes are built, as well as the proposed buildings on LP_Seat_03 or LP_Seat_05. (100 homes).

We notice in your comments on these proposed sites that you say, "Good access to facilities and employment". We are unaware of good opportunities for employment in this area! Good access to facilities we will comment on below.

One concern is the children that might move into the new homes. We understand that the school is already up to full complement with temporary buildings already in use. Have the school been approached about this? How would this be overcome?

The present parking problems around the school also would become impossible. At present patients and even doctors at the adjacent surgery and hospital are being blocked in by parents dropping off children and a large increase in population would cause utter chaos at the start and finish of school as well as during the day when it is often hard to find parking at the surgery/chemist.

There would also be more traffic arriving at the surgery/chemist from the new residents. Is the surgery able to cope with the influx? There is already a longish wait to see a doctor, unless it is an emergency.

An important question concerns 'affordable homes'. This is surely at the heart of the perceived need for new homes. We would ask if the 25% of affordable homes would be within financial reach of the less well off? We have found from previous experience that despite the original 'spin' the prices often proved to be out of their range.

I would be grateful if you would kindly pass on my comments. Thank you.

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