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Planning Policy
East Devon District Council
EX10 8HL

3rd January 2016

Dear Sirs,

Sports Field Proposal - Ottery Moor Lane, Honiton

It has been brought to my attention that East Devon District Council wish to obtain a parcel of land adjoining the Catholic Church and St. Rita's Centre in Honiton. I am given to understand that the land would be used as a football field and I write to advise you of my complete disagreement for such a proposal.

My reasoning is based on the following:

- Churches of all denomination are sacred places and are seen to be so by the majority of the English population. They are generally constantly in use over the weekend periods for prayer and worship and during the week for funerals, weddings and other services. My experience of football matches is that on occasions supporters can be overzealous in their cheering, resorting to profane language and boisterous derision. Such noise and chaotic behaviour would of course have a disastrous effect on members of the congregation who wish to contemplate and pray in peace with other members of the community.
- It is an established fact that the British social values, of which we are all very proud, originated and are based on Christian teaching over the Centuries. Sadly today there are small minorities who are vociferous in their condemnation of Christian practice. The consequence of this is that Christians rites and practices are not considered important. I firmly believe we should all endeavour to keep our British values and be free to practice the 'Faith of our Fathers'.
- I understand also that East Devon District Council currently has the use of one third of land belonging to the Catholic Priests of the Augustinian Order. It does appear to be grossly unjust to now endeavour to obtain even more land at the expense of the Augustinians and their work in Honiton.

And finally, the foregoing is not a howl of 'Not in My Backyard' but a request that the Priests and Congregation of The Catholic Church in Honiton be allowed to continue into the future without the hindrance and disruption that the proposal would create if sanctioned.

Yours faithfully,



Alan Madden