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Dear Sirs

It has come to my attention that East Devon Council are trying to obtain land for football, which is adjacent to the Holy Family Catholic Church and in front of St.Rita's Centre.

As a parishioner I object most strongly to any endeavour of this nature.

Firstly, it is so close to the Church that our religious services would be affected by any activity taking place.

The church is open for worship from 8.00 am until 12.30 pm approx. every Sunday of the year. Noise from Football activities would completely destroy the solemnity of our worship.

Additionally of course, the church is used as required, for baptisms, weddings and funerals, all would suffer hugely by sporting pursuits right on the doorstep.

Secondly, St.Rita's Centre is the National headquarters of the religious order of Augustinian Recollects. The land in front of the Centre provides a buffer zone of peace and tranquillity that is essential to the pursuit of worship and work carried out at the Monastery. I should point out that this very feature is one of the reasons that groups of all kinds, religious or otherwise choose to come to Honiton for retreats, Conferences, Seminars and the like. It is this essential activity that provides the income to help underpin the presence of this valuable resource. A resource of which Honiton should be proud.

Thirdly, we have a thriving pre school nursery group that rent the parish hall and playground area immediately next to the fields. What would be the provision for their needs in the event of any time conflict activity.

They work closely with us to ensure no activity interferes with the church.

Lastly, what about the influx of traffic on 'football days'? How would that be accommodated with no facilities to provide for it.

I am not anti football, quite the contrary, I am a supporter at many levels, particularly the development of younger elements on and into the academy system. However, using this particular location would violate the needs of a different sector of our Honiton population, and I urge you to keep this firmly in mind as you seek out additional resources.

Yours Faithfully

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