

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Land adjoining Holy Family RC Church and St Ritas (Honiton)
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Sirs,

I am writing to lodge my objection to the proposal for land adjacent to St Ritas and the Holy Family RC Church in Honiton be identified as a site suitable for the relocation of football pitches.

I write as a parent whose son was, for several years, a youth player with Honiton FC. The Club have had an arrangement with St Ritas to rent pitches which are distant from the main centre and I believe there are no plans to alter this arrangement which has suited the club for many years. I see no reason for the relocation of main pitches from the existing Mountabaten Park which lies to the east of the St Ritas Centre and has a screen and noise buffer of a tree-lined road.

The proposed change of use to football pitches would be in sharp conflict with the serenity required of St Ritas which offers 'retreats' and conferencing which require a quiet, contemplative ambiance. The adjacent noise and pedestrian and traffic circulation would also interfere with church services - Sunday services, funerals, weddings and baptisms - held at the Holy Family Church.

The Augustinian Recollects have already extended a helping hand to the community in Honiton by making some space available for football however current proposals go too far and would leave an irreversible scar.

May I suggest that the Town Council and Honiton FC make approaches to the secondary school where we, as a community, have funded provision of playing fields that are under-utilised and could be made available at weekends and evenings for the intended use of sport. Dual-use facilities make greater sense.

Yours,

Mr Mieczyslaw Koch

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