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Dear sir,

In response to Sustainability Appraisal Consultation, can I state that I would oppose any new development in the Village of Feniton until the following points have been completed.

- 1) The school buildings already undersize for the number of the students that already attend the school at present, money would need to be allocated to increase the size of the school or build a new school to take for the increased number of children expected with the new developments proposed for the village.
- 2) Access roads to the village are country lanes and are not really large enough for the current traffic requirements in the village, at commuter times in the morning and evening, the roads are filled with nearly a constant stream of cars leaving or arriving in the village for the daily commute. Additional houses in the village will only make this situation worse. This means that the access roads to the village would have to be increased in size (width). It should also be noted that part of the village on the Ottery St Mary road, is too close to Kings school for the children to be allowed to catch the school bus, this means that you will be mixing children on foot or on bicycles with increasing numbers of cars on the road.
- 3) Trains on the railway timetable do not all stop at Feniton station, there are times during the day when trains only run every two hours from the station. The train times would have to be changed to allow reliable use of the trains to either Exeter or Honiton during the main part of the day, if this is not undertaken increased use of cars is liable to be the result on the already congested roads.
- 4) Drainage works being undertaken in the village at present would have to be shown to work and stop the flooding that the village already experiences. Increased hard surfaces from additional buildings or roadways will just increase additional runoff to the already restricted water ways and drains. Climate change and with the expected increase in rainfall at various times of the year is liable to increase this problem further.
- 5) The area is mainly supplied with borehole drinking water from the Ottery St Mary sandstones, care will need to be undertaken with new developments to ensure that polluted runoff from roads etc. does not enter the ground water system as this could over time pollute drinking water in the area. This pollution could be in the form of salt used on the road in the winter, petrochemicals from cars or just the building materials used for the roads and houses.
- 6) Work will need to be undertaken on the Feniton sewage treatment plant and the sewers connected to it will have to increase in size with increased numbers of houses proposed. The current works is marginal in size for the existing number of houses in the village. The existing sewage pumping station on the Ottery St Mary road already has problems from time to time in heavy rain events, with sewage coming out of the manhole covers in the road. The sewage pumping station will need to be increased in size, additional storm tanks added and a larger rising main to the sewage treatment works installed. Work has been undertaken on this in the past but there is obviously still a problem in this area around the pumping station.

Please acknowledge the planning department have received this Email / letter as a formal submission to the comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Consultation.

Regards,

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