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Dear Mr Dickins,

CONSULTATION ON BAXTER'S FARM, MUSBURY DEVELOPMENT BRIEF

First and foremost I think the residents of Musbury should be grateful to the Parish Council for arranging the meeting held last evening and indeed, more especially, to you and your colleague Claire Rodway for attending.

Travellers:

As you will be aware from the meeting, the majority of concern in the village is for the possible siting of travellers as referred to in the Development Brief. Whilst it is appreciated that there is a possible need in the County and that Devon County Council has a duty of care to provide such sites, it is strongly considered that the close proximity to the proposed new development and the well-used village hall makes this particular area unsuitable. It was suggested at the meeting that investigations should take place in other areas and indeed consider some under used existing sites and it is hoped that the Council take such action as this is not a suitable site for many reasons. Furthermore, it might question the economic viability of DCC offering this site to a developer with a potential for travellers nearby which might well deter prospective purchasers.

Parking Issues:

Whilst appreciating there are policies, etc., to be adhered to by Council, residents are concerned regarding existing parking problems in the village and it is considered that parking arrangements on the Baxter's Farm site must be adequate in order not to exacerbate the present problems.

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Design:

The Development Brief and indeed Claire herself, recognise that good design is important, especially those properties fronting the main road and it is hoped that when any planning application is submitted this remains an important criteria.

Claire has created a comprehensive Development Brief and from her attitude at the meeting I think she has a good 'feel' for the village, which is a strong and healthy community and it would be a shame if any future development should place this in jeopardy.

Thank you once again for both giving up your time to visit Musbury and answer our questions.

Yours sincerely



Cc Musbury Parish Council