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Objection

Following receipt of the Baxter's Farm circulated brief and attendance at the very large Village Meeting on 15th August we now have a much clearer understanding of the EDDC Planning Procedure and the DCC intentions for this development.

In principle we approve of the style and layout of the housing scheme, which could be a real asset to the future strength of the Village community – the suggestion of space for local small businesses/workshops is an excellent idea.

We must object however to the possible inclusion of a 2-4 pitch Traveller Site – albeit for permanent Travellers rather than transit Travellers, as explained at the meeting.

The key reasons for our objection are as follows:

-) Whatever the official intent to manage the Traveller Site as a positive asset to the village, recent local farm and area experience indicates that this would be extremely difficult in a location so close to the centre of a small village.
-) The Village Hall, adjacent farms, Public House and the Shop/Garage have all expressed [REDACTED] & consequent revenue concerns
-) What developer would want to build 'character intermediate housing' next to a Traveller Site and who would want to purchase such housing?
-) The Site would be screened – but surely screening could just aggravate the differential between the adjacent styles of living?
-) Is being in an AONB and Conservation Area – plus the possible future development of the Dorset led Jurassic National Park – conducive with this Traveller Site?

It is welcomed and understood that the County & District Authorities have responsibilities to provide Traveller Sites, but the juxta position of this possible Site next to the new housing development and so close to the centre of the Village cannot be beneficial for local traders, residents, visitors or Travellers themselves.