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To: Planning Policy
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Baxters Farm Musbury Development Brief Draft Consultation Comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

Firstly many thanks for producing the Development Brief to give the local residents an opportunity to provide their opinions. I think it is an excellent document and I support most of it, particularly retaining the existing farmhouse and nearby barns in areas A and B on site plan 1 for housing. I also think retaining the orchard for community use is a good idea and can be made to work. I was involved in something very similar before moving to Musbury where a chalk grassland meadow was maintained by the local residents. It was a project that helped to bring the local community together, it was good for the environment and I think it can be made to work here.

However I am very concerned about the idea of providing a travellers site for the following reasons:

- 1) This development is the opportunity to make a significant improvement to the village integrating with the existing architecture, not spoil it with sites for traveller pitches.
- 2) This development is too close to the conservation area and care should be taken to improve the look of the village.
- 3) There is a strong sense of community in Musbury and crime rate is very low. People feel safe. This development provides the opportunity to add to the community. Travellers will be continuously on the move and will not integrate well with the community. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] A small village is not a good location for a travellers site.
- 4) The provision of possible travellers sites in the area to the south in the future will put off developers from bidding for the site, and will reduce the value of the houses built. This does not make economic sense for Devon County council and there must be better sites elsewhere.

I therefore request that the provision of travellers sites is removed from the Brief. The Brief should include the area shown in green on Site Plan 1 so it is clear what East Devon County Council and the residents would like to see on the entire site.

The existing Musbury village conservation area is also currently spoilt by the the number of cars and vans that park in The Street. It is recommended that parking for two spaces per household is specified in the Brief to avoid more pressure on parking in The Street.

Regards,
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