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Dear Sir

Development.

I read in the Whimpe News that E.D. Planning Dept. is calling for development sites. This surely is calling for development anywhere, which is a complete contradiction to planning policy to date, and has been a principle until recently, although not always observed. This new policy allows open season for anyone to put forward land anywhere and more significantly for any builder to bribe anyone for land. In other words a builders charter. This presumption to build anywhere is completely wrong. The presumption should be against building anywhere. Areas for building should be controlled and minimised.

This allows land to be covered with substandard houses to no regulated or designed layout other than that which maximises profit. This is apparent at Cranbrook, where you as local authority have relinquished your planning responsibility in favour of developers layouts.

The A30. a Roman road, there you have a precedent. Where is the planning? There could have been a grid layout with squares and a civic character with required amenities. What have you got? Builder A buys an area and fills it up with his layout, builder B buys another area and does the same, each maximising their numbers of houses in typical spec. builder fashion and bearing no relation in character or layout to the next one. This lack of planning policy is producing the slums of tomorrow with no civic amenities or pride of place, just

anonymous bottom line boxes that the builder can make the most profit from.

Future generations will look on this builders blight with no civic pride and think this is how they did things in Devon.

There should be no Cranbrook East of the glass house site and south of the A30.

Whimple should be entirely separate and not expanded to seven or eight times its original size as indicated on the Exeter (Greater Exeter development plan).

Yours faithfully

