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Subject: Proposed Cranbrook Extention

Dear People,

I write to object to the proposed extention of the Cranbrook development on the site of Treasbeare Farm. East Devon District Council has gone on very public record many times in the last twenty years that there will be no development south of the old A30. A promise is a promise, particularly when made so publicly and used as justification for so much development north of the old A30.

Since the BBC has so helpfully brought it to the attention of the nation that Cranbrook - like so many other 'new' developments - is a failing development because the promised infrastructure has not been delivered, no further development consent whatsoever, for any of the four proposed extentions, should be given until the development consortium meet the commitments they have already given. Cranbrook town centre was a part of the original development plan and predicated solely upon development north of the old A30. Years into the program, the lots still sit idle and in the meantime everyone on Cranbrook jumps in their cars and goes shopping and develops community in Exeter or elsewhere. This violates so many of the design objectives and environmental promises given for Cranbrook from its conception. The development of the town centre, with its shops and parking, its pavements and sidewalks - space for a regular community market or to sit out for coffee or an evening meal - must come first. Adequately managed, the contracted development force could easily achieve this task, providing low-cost and affordable retail and hospitality space (with office space over) to encourage and promote a community heart in Cranbrook without the need to travel and saving tons of CO2 and ever-most costly non-renewable fossil fuels.

Mistakes have consistently been made in the Cranbrook development.

Phase 1 and 2 are far too crowded, with woefully inadequate parking provision. The phases current under development are dense, soulless and nothing more than urban sprawl. The promised bat and bird boxes on every house overlooking green space are conspicuous only by their complete absence. The protection of the green pathways through the development came far too little and far too late. The promised inn or public house on the site of Tillhouse Farm has never materialised.

Do not compound these felonies by letting the developers get away with simply building more houses without meeting their social commitments!

Since Treasbeare Farm is "under the airport", close to Exeter and just over the road from Cranbrook, why not turn it into a development and learning farm? It could be attached to Bickton College and provide valuable farming apprenticeships, encourage rural crafts and deliver some of the jobs and employment opportunities promised but never realised with the current Cranbrook development (which has only generated a handful of retail jobs with no significant career progression). Devon badly needs farmers; our rural economy could be playing an active part in the national provision of agricultural production in our post-Europe life. Young people need to be getting out on the

land, learning about our mutual dependence on agriculture and the environment and promoting healthier and more environmentally productive lives than simply working in an office or being last-mile delivery drivers.

Sincerely,

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