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To the East Devon Local Plan Team

We are neighbours to the proposed developments in Westhayes and Windmill Lane in West Hill. I'm sure you are well aware of the shock these large proposed developments have caused to the neighbourhood.

Our greatest concern is the water! Although high up on the hill, we have already experienced a lot of flooding from the new housing nearby. We have had a French Drain fitted down our entire garden length and still we are soaked, welly boots sink into large puddles in the garden. Plants have died, frogs moved in and it's been a worry for us these last four years.

The impact of living on the pebbled Heath only surfaces in hindsight. We were new to the area and had no idea of the long term rainfall issues in this particular area.

We could not get our children into the local school when we moved to West Hill. As a result, our children don't know or socialise with local families, a great shame for the children. There is absolutely no chance of new families on that scale, or probably any of those houses, getting into school in the village.

There is not sufficient local transport to support West Hill already. Scant bus timetable at the opposite end of the village.

The B4009 road is already a noisy disruption to the village, bringing large trucks through a narrow village road at high speeds has already proved unsafe.

We have enjoyed the wildlife in these two fields over the four years.

Specifically, a number of deer and the owls that nest in what trees have been left above. It is already a very fragile eco system from what was left behind from the last lot of building that spanned 4 years in this area.

Eastfield road has endured years of building disruption, ruining the road and disturbing the local peace - dribbles of ongoing relentless and endless building is wearing on mental health for local people.

Please be mindful of the valid and valuable reasons why these fields are NOT suitable for further development. Nobody wants the housing except the owners selling the fields for a massive profit.

Thank you for your consideration

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