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Hi - having problems trying to submit my response through Commonplace on line. Please find my feedback below.

Thank you. Alan Hooper

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Topsham has already suffered a disproportionate amount of development in recent years. It is entirely wrong that an adjoining district authority should seek to discharge their housing responsibilities by tacking onto this small town and building up to their boundary on the few remaining open spaces. The development of sites 91 and 94 will significantly intensify the traffic along Newcourt Road, Denver Road and Exeter Road. The full effects of the current developments have yet to be felt but already the traffic volume has increased significantly and the air quality around these areas has noticeably deteriorated. Topsham has become a high-speed rat-run which will be significantly worsened by further development. Newcourt Road is of particular importance to the town, providing a low-traffic environment, offering a valued and safe route for pedestrians and cyclists, including many schoolchildren. GP services in the area are also under considerable strain producing a totally unacceptable and dangerous waiting time for patients. The detrimental effects of further loss of open space on plants and wildlife in the area cannot be over-stated.