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EAST DEVON LOCAL PLAN – WHIMPLE. Re-evaluation and removal of preferred sites.

I **object** to the inclusion of The Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground (Slewton Field) **(11)** and Hayes Bank Orchard **(07)** inclusion in the plan. In his letter of 30 May 2015 **(Doc1)** The Vice Chairman of Whimble Parish Council wrote to The Senior Planning Officer EDDC Property Services drawing attention to the lack of Open Spaces which would be a key objective to include in future plans. He pointed out local opposition to any development on the RWMG. At that point EDDC should have acknowledged that the RWMG site (SHLAA Ref W011) **was not the preferred site.** Alternative sites were suggested and available off Church Road and Plumtree Lane which could improve vehicular access and pedestrian safety to and from Hand and Pen. It appears that no inspection of those sites was carried out. (Currently shown as “Not Inspected”) With the exception of Bramley Gardens most development has been on the **north** of The Village Square bringing ever increased danger from vehicular movements through The Square and past The Primary School.

Hayes Bank Orchard (Doc 2)

First impressions count and on descending Knowle Cross Hill the orchard creates a welcoming and reassuring sight of a traditional village. Planning permission was refused in 1986, 1987, and 1988 on planning grounds and not setting a precedent for further expansion **outside of the proposed plan boundary.**

Devon County Council 7/48/00718/95 12 June 1995.

Rejected on Highway Grounds

(Objection raised)

Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground (Slewton Field) (Doc 3)

This jewel in our midst has been the subject of copious correspondence and articles since 1988 when 425 local people signed a petition *“We, the undersigned, call upon Whimble Parish Council to convey to Vine Products and Whiteways Ltd our objection to the possible development of The Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground. We call upon both parties to preserve the nature and character of the ground for future generations to enjoy the amenities and sporting facilities which have been used in similar vein for approximately sixty years”*. It was the best draining land for Football, Cricket, Hockey and School and Village Activities for numerous years of continuous use.

This petition is in your possession (Doc 3)

It was the catalyst for the Whimple Parish Plan of October 1988, highlighting that it was outside of The Village Building Boundary together with other areas to be included including Hayes Bank.

It even caught the attention of Roy Hattersley (Former Deputy Leader of the Labour Party) to include details in an article in the Guardian Newspaper following a stay in the village. **(Doc 4)**

Highways:- Precedent Refusal (Doc 5 a & b)

Planning Inspectorate (**Department of the Environment**) 5th September 1990

Six dwellings at Perriton Cross 7/48/89/P1655/00059

See attached Highway Case on the road width of **4.5 metres**. As that applied then it certainly continues to apply now as the road is only **4.5 metres** in places and cannot be widened for its entirety. Drainage was also an issue.

This has now been exacerbated by opportunist parking along Talaton Road between Station Road, The Thirsty Farmer and The School increasing the chances of serious accident considerably. Especially when parents collect the primary school children. **(Objection Raised)**

Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground (Slewton)

Land Local Landscape Importance R3

Value of Open Spaces and Historical Importance Value (**Docs 6 &7**)

This was recognised by **yourselves** in letters dated 22 April 1992 and 4 June 1993.

Why have you ignored this policy? The Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground is too much of a village asset to lose and The Land of Local Landscape Importance has to be adhered to and protected and respected.

Why are you reneging on you ruling?

In the EDDC letter of 10 September 1999 (**Doc 9**) confirmed it had awarded **LLL1** status to the RWMG. In view of the aforementioned and local support for open spaces the RWMG and Hayes Bank **should not** be considered as SHLAA sites and removed from EDDC SHLAA forthwith.

I was reliably informed that a local family had scattered their parents ashes on The RWMG as they had enjoyed their visits. **(Objection Raised)**

Village Building Boundary (Doc 8)

The built up area of Whimple has always been designated and recognised as the boundary between Slewton Crescent and The Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground as stated on the attached map. This map was prepared by yourselves for comments by 28 September 2016. Why on the latest plan have "The Goal Posts Moved" to incorporate RWMG, despite being **Land of Local Landscape Importance**, and now moved further towards Perriton Cross? **(Objection Raised)**

Flooding.

All three streams passing through the village already overflow onto the Highways and any additional housing and tarmac surfaces will add to the existing problems. The Green is especially vulnerable having already experienced one major event. Two of those streams merge to pass under the railway line limiting the flow before water backs up. Properties further downstream will also face increased flooding including Clyst St Mary. Let alone the impact of flooding arising from the run off at Cranbrook.

(Objection raised)

Whimple must remain and be recognised as a village, not another Cranbrook. The infra structure and amenities cannot cope with more residents.(i.e. primary school, medical facilities). The increased demand for drinking water (supply not infinite) and its shortage has to be considered.

The Whimple Parish element of the DCC/EDDC plan requires amendment to reflect the views of WPC and Whimple residents. This especially applies to open spaces.

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