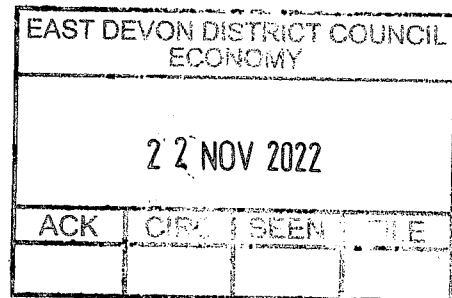


17th Nov

Strategic Planning
(Emerging Local Draft Plan Comments)
Blackdown House, Border Road
Heathpark Industrial Estate
Honiton
EX14 1EJ



Dear Sirs,

Proposed Development Site – Honiton – HON-01

I am writing regarding the proposed development site that runs along the side of the Heathfield Housing Estate in Honiton.

I am very concerned about flooding, run off and drainage from the proposed site, especially with regards to the existing brook that runs along the back of Laurel Road which is used for surface water run-off. The rising topography of the new proposed development site will lead to an increase in the surface water run-off and increased volume of water in the brook.

Properties further down the hill from the proposed development are not identified as being within a flood risk zone, but the development of this site could put existing properties that have been built for over 30 years into a flood zone, which would cause existing residents' issues when selling or insuring their properties.

The brook is only feet away from our properties and over the years the banks of the brooks have deepened and caused bank erosion. The level of the brook can rise very quickly when raining heavily to a much higher level than recent years and is extremely fast flowing bringing with it all sorts of debris and tree branches, which can build up and cause blockages. Some of which are already being removed by the Council.

The brook runs under Old Elm Road and a build-up of stones and debris had to be removed by a digger from either side of the drain tunnel under the road last year, as it was restricting the flow of water.

The brook then runs under the railway line where there is a high vertical grid to catch any debris, and a catchment area to hold water that cannot get under the railway quick enough, which has in the past been full of water after heavy rain. The grid gets piled up with stones and debris many feet high and is cleared with a digger on a regular basis. All this debris had passed along the back of our property on its way.

I am already concerned about how the brook is going to cope with increased volumes of water due to climate change, so any additional development up stream is likely to increase the volume of water in the brook with increased risk of bank erosion and flooding to properties down the hill.

If this proposed development gets passed it will only be a matter of time before the fields either side come up for development, which would result in more runoff water in the brook.

I am also concerned about the sewerage and drainage system being linked to the existing systems of the Heathfield Estate, as the drains are already overloaded and unable to cope in heavy rain.

The proposed development sits alongside the Heathfield Housing Estate that has many bungalows, and is therefore a very quiet estate, especially for people who have bought bungalows to retire in. Access via Honeysuckle Drive would impact on properties that have been in a no through road since they were built.

The proposed development will also increase the volume of traffic from Honeysuckle Drive along Old Elm Road and cause congestion at the round-about to the entrance to the estate.

I therefore strongly object to the proposed development.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs S Price