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To: Cllr Tony McCollum
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Dear Councillor McCollum,

I realise that this email may reach you after the closing dates for comments on the East Devon Consultation Draft Local Plan but I have a valid reason for this late communication. Unfortunately, just after I sent an email to Cllr. Barrow (forwarded below) I was "stuck down" by the Flu and was very ill. My recovery has been very slow and I have managed to submit some comments using the Commonplace Web page. I have received no response at all from Cllr. Barrow. I have today written to Dan Ledger and I shall also forward that email.

I live on Otter Valley park which lies adjacent to the EDDC preferred site, GH/ED/39 Land north of the Railway off NorthCote Hill, for new housing in Honiton. My full address is written under my name on this email. I and many other residents have major objections to this plan. The proposed site is on open farm land just outside the AONB. If the EDDC Local Plan policies were strictly implemented it would fail these criteria. However, because there is a known developer, Taylor Wimpey, the Council has put this site forward. This Developer is named within the Land Registry Title document as having an interest in this land which forms part of Middle Northcote Farm. I attached this document when I wrote to Richard Foord MP. I have had no reply to that letter. It would seem that this Developer had undue influence on the selection of this site because it had a plan ready for this new housing and because there is also a suggestion that it may also contribute Finance towards a sports pitch and a bypass to the East of Honiton.

Due to the problems of using Commonplace I believe many of the residents have not been able to express their objections. In order to help them I did draw up some guidelines of how they could write to their local Councillors but I don't know if anyone did. Before I became ill I gave them your name and that of Councillor Barrow. I now realise I should have included the Policy and Planning department. In Brief, the objections relate to the building of a new 2 lane road, cycle track and pedestrian path to allow access to the proposed building site. This road will replace the present single track lane to Otter Valley and involve the removal of a long stretch of old Devon banked Hedge. It will cause major disruption to the residents of Otter Valley park as this is the only access route to our homes. The anxiety this has caused cannot be described unless face to face discussions can take place. Otter Valley provides a pleasant peaceful environment for about 100 elderly people who have chosen to purchase Park homes on this privately owned site. The houses proposed will be situated on higher ground than the present park homes which have a maximum roof height of 10 Feet. The present homes are built on low lying land near the A30 and there are many tall mature trees, so that the site does not detract from the AONB. The 100+ new houses will be on higher ground on open farm land and will probably be 2 story properties built in high density. They will undoubtedly detract from the present views from the AONB as two small woodlands will also be eradicated. The 100 + new houses will not only overlook the present Park homes but will be built over a public route which many walkers and some cyclists use for recreation. There are many other concerns expressed by the residents and I hope that some have written to express these. I hope that you will be able to represent our views during the next stage of the Draft plan. I extend an invitation to you to visit my home and perhaps meet with a few of the residents. Yours faithfully

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From: **Olive Deaville** [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 10:52 AM
Subject: EDDC Local Plan
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Cllr. Barrow.

Ref: EDDC preferred site GH/ED/39: Land south of Northcote Hill, Honiton

My name is Olive Deaville and my address is [REDACTED]
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As I have access to a laptop computer I have read, in full, the EDDC Local Plan Draft Consultation Document. I attended the open meeting with Taylor Wimpey and also the "EDDC exhibition" both at the Beehive.

I have many queries about EDDC's decision to designate the above site as a Preferred site and am therefore contacting you as one of my 2 elected District Councillors. Before giving details, I need to check with you that you will be able to respond to my questions as I believe that you are a resident of Otter Valley Park. Does this present a conflict of interest? Will you be able to give unbiased responses and help myself and many others to put forward the many objections to these plans.

I know, from having myself taken on roles such as the one you have on the District Council, that you are entitled to your privacy and I respect this. However, I feel strongly that the elderly people who live in Otter Valley Park have a right to express their views and I am trying to give them an avenue in which to do this. The EDDC preferred method of response using the Commonplace website is not available to many and neither is it possible for many of them to submit pdf documents and photographs.

If there is no conflict of interest would it be possible for you to meet with me, and possibly some other residents, in order that queries can be answered and views expressed.

I await your reply before writing to Cllr. McCollum.
Kind regards
Olive Deaville