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To: Planning Policy
Subject: Honiton Strategic Development Site - Ref HON-01

Good afternoon,

Honiton Strategic Development Site – Ref HON-01

I refer to the proposed development site for the field that runs along the back of the Heathfield Housing Estate. 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 will lead to an increase in the surface water run-off and increase volume of water in the brook.

The brook is already shown as a flood zone on the draft local plan Honiton map displayed at the public exhibition at the Beehive in December, and any further development up stream would increase the risk of flooding to existing properties that back onto the brook.

This brook is only 6 feet from our property and over the years the banks of the brook have deepened to over 8 feet 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. We are very concerned about bank erosion and structural damage to our property.

The brook runs under Old Elm Road on the Heathfield Housing Estate and this has had to be cleared of a build-up of stones and debris at either side of the tunnel under the road, as it was causing an obstruction for the water. This was cleared out with a digger.

The brook then runs under the Railway line where just before it there is a big high grid to catch any debris. This gets piled up with debris and stones many feet high and has to be cleared with a digger on a regular basis. All this debris has passed along the back of our property on its way. The water holding area where it meets the Railway has in the past been full due to the volume of water.

We already have concerns as to how the brook is going to cope with increased volumes of water due to climate change and increasing rain levels, so any additional development up stream is likely to increase the

volume of water and flooding/bank erosion damage risk to our property when it is already shown as a flood risk.

If this proposal gets passed, then it is only a matter of time before the fields on either side of the new proposal also come up for development which would cause even more likelihood for flooding for existing residents.

I should be grateful if you would take into consideration my concerns.

Kind regards,

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