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The Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground LP_Whim_11

- increased flood risk to properties in the surrounding area - floodplain to the North
- lack of open space in Whimple (Open space review 2014)
- the existing sewerage system in Whimple cannot cope with more discharge and is already at capacity - accepted in the refusal to build on land at the New Fountain Inn.
- increased traffic through the narrow single track streets and village. There are no pavements in most of the village and along Talaton Road and further dwellings will put residents and school children at greater risk. Widening the road through Whimple would destroy the heart of this historic community and should not be an option.
- Was previously excluded for consideration for development in the 2017 Villages Plan from BUAB on criteria A1
- The land was designated as being of a Local Amenity Importance and under the National Policy Framework 2012 offering the same protection as green belt land
- Loss of natural habitat, hedgerows and trees including the old oak trees. The old oak trees are thought to be the oldest in the village and must make a significant contribution to both drainage and biodiversity and, whatever the future, they should have a TPO as soon as possible.
- On the 10th September 1999 the EDDC confirmed that the “Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground, Whimple is designated as land of local importance on the local plan. Such areas are seen to be smaller areas of significant local amenity importance which the national or countrywide designation do not cover. Permission will not be granted for development on these except for recreational uses which retain the open character of the area.”
- In the village survey in 2018, in response to the question “Which zones do you would be appropriate?” 68% of respondents said No to this area being developed.
- The land and land to the north and east is DEFRA designated national wildlife sites: high spatial priority Woodland Priority Habitat and Woodland Improvement area; on the Priority Habitat (deciduous woodland and traditional orchard inventories), and a national habitat and network enhancement zone
- Village Building Boundary. The built up area of Whimple has always been designated and recognised as the boundary between Slewton Crescent and The Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground. The land therefore sits outside of the Whimple Parish Council building line and even in the last few years new builds have been refused along Talaton Road on this basis
- Whimple has an important historical heritage including orchards and a rural character that will be lost if significant development takes place.

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