

9th January 2022

East Devon District Council  
Planning Dept  
Blackdown House  
Border Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate  
Honiton, EX14 1EJ



Dear Sirs

**East Devon Local Plan – Whimble Village development**

We wish to submit comment regarding the above and the proposed developments.

- 1) Traffic in the village is already difficult, given the preponderance of single track roads and access through the village centre, essentially the only access route, is already fraught with difficulty. Any increase in traffic volume may be intolerable.
- 2) Any major development will place a strain on water and sewage services.
- 3) Valuable open countryside will be lost and the historic nature of the village will be adversely affected by any major development.
- 4) The village has long been subject to the risk of flooding and these developments will increase this risk, perhaps substantially.

Addressing the individual sites identified:

- a) The Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground – LP\_Whim\_11  
This is a relatively smaller site and since it ceased to be used for Cricket, is likely to remain unused. Furthermore, the development would be surrounded by other housing and so we would not be concerned if this were to go ahead, although the fact that it borders a floodzone would be a significant negative factor.
- b) Farmland and Orchards behind Bramley Gardens – LP\_Whim\_08  
This appears to be a large site and as such would fall foul of our above objections.
- c) Fields on Grove Road – LP\_Whim\_03 & LP\_Whim\_13  
These are also large sites and as such also fall foul of our above objections.
- d) Broadclyst Road near the Green – LP\_Whim\_07  
This is another smaller site and so would have a smaller impact on services etc. However, the development would seem to be wholly placed in a floodzone and furthermore, extends the 'village edge', and can't be viewed as 'infilling' and so we do not believe that this development is appropriate.

Yours faithfully

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