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WHIMPLE OLD CRICKET FIELD (Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground) .

References;-

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- A. East Devon Village Development Plan (Draft for Consultation).– EDDC VILLAGES PLAN dated 2013.
 - B. Whimble Parish Council (Vice Chairman) letter dated 30 may 2015.
 - C. EDDC Open Spaces Study Review 2014.
 - D. EDDC NB/FT/C5 dated 22 April 1992.

Reference A details the Old Cricket Field (OCF - Whimble) as the nominated site for possible development of the 9 houses allocate to Whimble under the Local Plan work. A number of objections have been lodged in the consultation exercise opposing this decision and I trust these objections will be fully addressed once work resumes on the Villages Plan. These objections have also been raised with Whimble Parish Council (WPC) highlighting how the Parish Council had failed to consider all the factors in making its nomination; had placed itself on the wrong side of local opinion and were actually undermining the Whimble Parish Plan. As a result Reference B has now been forwarded to EDDC to confirm the position of WPC as supported by the local community.

This issue has now been correctly linked to the Open Spaces Study whereby, in line with the Parish Plan, the OCF is identified as an Open Space to be protected against future development and will be a fundamental part of the Whimble Neighbourhood Plan. Reference B states, I quote:

"On reading the latest EDDC Open Space Review (April 2014) the review has highlighted the fact that Whimble does not have sufficient Open Spaces and this will be a key objective in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan which will supersede the old "Parish plan". One of the sites nominated by the Parish council as an "Open Space" is the old cricket ground in the middle of the village. This site has come to the notice in the past as a potential building site to satisfy your needs to provide houses within the village. I have to

tell you that local opinion and support for such development does not reflect the wishes and aspirations of our Parishioners.” (Alan McArthur, Vice Chairman).

In light of the Whimble Parish Council's latest stance please would you confirm that Old Cricket Field – Whimble (aka The Richard Whiteway Memorial Ground and/or Slewton Field)

1. Will now be deleted from the East Devon Development Plan and the site referred to in Reference C (Church Road) inserted.
2. Is deleted from the current SHLAA (Site Ref -W002).
3. Is reinstated in the Open Spaces Study as an Open Space in Whimble.
4. Retains the protection of Land of Local Landscape Importance – (Policy R3) as afforded by Reference D.

I, with others, have campaigned for over 20 years to ensure the historical and local amenity importance of the OCF is recognised and thankfully WPC has now come onboard in recognising local opinion and aspirations.

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