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**Organisation (where relevant):** POW+R Group

**Other party name (if relevant):** -

**Proposal:** 5. Development in the Towns and Villages

**1. To which part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter does your representation relate?:** Policy

**1(a). Please write down the paragraph, policy or figure number that your representation relates to.:** SD29

**2. Do you consider that this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is legally compliant?:** No

**2(a). If yes, and you wish to support the legal compliance of this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter, please use this box to set out your comments.:** -

**2(b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is not legally compliant. Please be as precise as possible.:** Our District Councillor proposed at least 50 houses adjacent to Bramley Gardens, totally against the wishes of villagers. This is a critical site in the village as the development would 'eat into' the green wedge between Whimble and Cranbrook. In addition, it is regrettable that he did not grasp the village feeling towards to the old historic Cricket Ground, when there was evidence available to indicate villagers' feelings.

Whimble Neighbourhood Draft Plan -Appendix II provides a clearer view of village opposition:

EDDC - Local Plan Common Place Feedback. Consultation period – 7th November 2022 until 15th January 2023. (Spread sheet data)

Whim\_11 - Station Road (Old Cricket Ground) – Extracted from EDDC Speed sheet

Dissatisfied (15) Unhappy (49) Neutral (8) Happy (2) Satisfied (6) Total Responses (80)

Whimble Site 8 - land west of Church Road and Bramley Gardens was discussed. \*\*\* Personal details have been removed \*\*\*, speaking for the development, provided false /inaccurate information to the committee, which makes the decision making unreliable in law. In addition, I am not aware that \*\*\* Personal details have been removed \*\*\* had

visited the site prior to making the decision to incorporate the site into the village built up area.

EDDC - Local Plan Common Place Feedback. Consultation period – 7th November 2022 until 15th January 2023. (Spread Sheet data)

Whim\_08 - Land west of Church Road and Bramley Gardens.

Dissatisfied (9)      Unhappy(77)    Neutral(0)      Happy (0)      Satisfied (1)    Total  
Responses (87)

Councillors have acted without due diligence and unprofessionally in making 'seismic' major decisions without fully appreciating the evidence gathered about what development is acceptable and what is not by the citizens of Whimble. Localism matters, but this has been steamrollered by the inadequately informed.

The EDDC draft Local Plan indicated only 41 houses, but now we have 83 houses. This is totally unacceptable and an unsafe decision. Accordingly, one needs to determine the true motivating forces behind the decision to build twice the number?

**2(c). Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter legally compliant, in respect of any matters you have identified above. You will need to say why each modification will make this part of the Introduction chapter legally compliant. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for the relevant policy or paragraph. Please be as precise as possible.:** The only descent modification is to eliminate Whim Site 8 from the draft local plan. This needs to be linked to the Localism act 2011 indicates that the neighbourhood planning provided an opportunity for “meaningful” community engagement in the planning process. With the evidence gathered from the emerging Whimble Neighbourhood Plan the villagers has spoken. But the councillors have not listened.

The Emerging Neighbourhood plan is opposed to all development on the western flank which provides a vital and important green belt between.

Cranbrook and Whimble. In addition, it is harmful to the process when Councillors provide unreliable / illinformed information to the decision making. Furthermore, there is a clear conflict of interest as a Parish Councillor and a District Councillor and in the role of Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. You can't act in the interests of villagers but then go totally against the village in which you live.

**3. Do you consider that this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is sound?:** No

**3(a). If yes, and you wish to support the soundness of this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter, please use this box to set out your comments.:** -

**3(b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is not sound. Please be as precise as possible.:** -

**3(c). Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter sound, in respect of any matters you have identified above. You will need to say why each modification will make this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for the relevant policy or paragraph. Please be as precise as possible.:** -

**4. Do you consider that this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter complies with the duty to cooperate?:** No

**4(a). If yes, and you wish to support this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter's compliance with the duty to co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.:** -

**4(b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.:** The local district Councillor has not co-operated professionally with the POW+R Group. The Parish Council has not co-operated professionally with the POW+R Group. N.B. The POW+ Group undertook 90% of the drafting of the Whimple Neighbourhood Plan, utilising a wide range of skills relevant to the task.

**5. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?:** No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

**6. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary.:** I have said what needs to be said