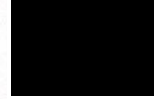


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Via FRA email

Dear Mr Freeman,

EDDC changes proposed to Farringdon

I am a resident of Farringdon and utterly shocked at the proposals to put a new town in our village. I do not have email or internet so I am writing this letter to you and sending via the Farringdon Residents' Association email address.

I do not agree with proposed "new town" referred to as Option 1 and Option 2. I feel very strongly about this. It will ruin the community and our lovely village!

I do not know why EDDC are still doing this when Michael Gove has said that government policy has changed its views about housing numbers. It does not want to see the character of villages changed and ours should be no exception. I do not wish to see my payments to EDDC being used for this purpose. The government have now revised its housing policy and any changes to EDLP should be stopped now. It is valid until 2031 so why the hurry to rush this through? Even one of your own Councillors is questioning it and I am told he is taking it to your Scrutiny Committee.

I am a farmer's widow who has farmed Wares Farm with her family for over 80 years. I have invested a lot in the village in terms of my work and bringing up my family and I do not want to see it bulldozed through as is proposed.

I do not agree to Options 1 or 2 because:

1. These proposals would decimate a whole community and change the character of the landscape. Farringdon has been a settlement for over 1000 years! People live here and have been part of this community for decades because they love and want to be part of the countryside and all that it offers NOT part of a "new town" which will only be an extension of Exeter.
2. The land is open countryside and used for agriculture. Emphasis should be on feeding people, keeping our fields for the production of food. Just because one landowner offers it, why should their views dominate and undermine the residents.
3. Hill Barton Business Park should not be extended either. I know that people have issues with the smells and noise and pollution. This too cannot be allowed to grow. This has had a significant effect on the Parish. It cannot be near to residents if they want to have quiet enjoyment of their homes.
4. I am fortunate to experience much of the wildlife as a farmer and feel at one with the land. It must not be allowed to be spoilt and overrun by houses and industry. The land is here to be enjoyed not bulldozed!
5. Has nothing been learnt from the mistakes of Cranbrook which still hasn't been finished and must surely provide plenty of homes for people. As a farmer I also believe that you should build homes in the village where you come from so you can be part of that community and not part of a new town.
6. I voted for our Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan which should be respected and not cast aside in this way.

Please do not allow Options 1 and 2 to be part of the EDLP. This would be a travesty for East Devon and Farringdon Parish must be preserved now and for the next 1000 years.

Yours sincerely,

Jill Askew

