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Dear Strategic Planning Policy Team,

EMERGING LOCAL PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION – OBJECTION TO ALLOCATION LP_Gitti_05

I am writing to object to any residential development in allocation reference LP_Gitti_05 as identified in the Emerging Local Plan consultation.

I live in Gittisham village and I Chair the Parish Council. I have lived here for 23 years and very much appreciate the unique character and setting of this special village. I am unhappy about there being new houses within sight of the main village. My home is grade 2 listed partly because of this unique setting of a block of thatched cottages in a village.

Also, I have worked with EDDC to gain grants for tree planting and wildlife enhancements in the village because of the AONB here. And now you're suggesting it would be a good place to build houses. I do not agree.

My family have played in the river Otter over the years but have had to stop recently because of sewage. The capacity of the sewage system has already been reached and yet there doesn't appear to be any plan to increase the capacity with the building of new houses.

Traffic is already a problem in the narrow lanes here in the village and also through the Heathpark Industrial estate. I think that everyone living in the proposed new houses will have to drive to work, shops, doctors etc. New houses should be built where people can walk to the amenities. Building houses where people have to drive to school, work, shops, etc. is not sustainable. Driving along narrow lanes should not be the first choice for people living in new houses.

As surface water runoff is already a problem at the A30 near the Combe Garden Centre, any increased runoff would further increase the flooding here and in the Gittisham area. 2 weeks ago the A30 was closed because of runoff, some of which would have come from the Gittisham area. Housing development would definitely affect runoff and flooding in the already very reactive river catchment.

The schools in the area do not appear to have capacity for the children in the village, Hayne Farm and Gittisham Vale. I think parents need reassurance that the capacity of schools would be increased before new homes are built.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Hall