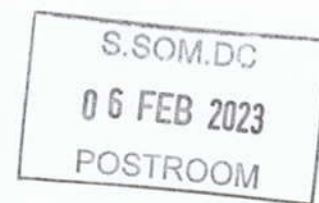


Mr David Kenyon  
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January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Dear Mr Kenyon,

I wish to state for the record, my strongest objection to the proposed housing development of 160 houses, on Bowden Road, Templecombe, Somerset. I raise the objection to this housing development on the grounds of Religion/Religious Beliefs.

The religion I practice is earth-centered, it is Nature Worship and akin to Christianity. This means that I hold Nature: the earth, land and all living creatures of that land, as sacred. I venerate, hold Holy, the lands, earth and all living creatures thereon and therein, in Templecombe (and the wider vicinity).

By building houses on this sacred land, the developers would be actively and wantonly destroying this sacred space (earth, tree/plant nations and animal nations that currently exist in these fields, waterways and natural pathways) and defiling the land held (by others and by me) holy. By proposing to build houses on the land around where I live in Templecombe, this would deprive me of my right (Human Rights Act, 1998) to practice my religion and worship in, on or near this space. The housing development would therefore, prevent me manifesting my religious beliefs. If this land were destroyed by building houses on it, I would be prevented from practising my religion, which would mean that I have been discriminated against (Equality Act 2010), on religious grounds. This would have a negative affect on my mental health, which would result in a significant increase in personal risk to my health and wellbeing.

Additionally, I also strongly object to the housing development, on environmental disturbance grounds. The inevitable; i) major increases in noise, dust and traffic chaos triggered by the construction of houses, ii) use of materials that harm the earth by using precious earth resources such as sand in cement, I object to on the grounds they diminish the earth's natural state and cause disturbance to myself (and other residents). I wish to live in the settlement of Templecombe, without all the above, disturbing my peace. Residents, including me, have a right to live peacefully – this housing development would prevent this right from being exercised.

I strongly object to any and all housing developments in Templecombe.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr C B Schuster-Cotterell

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