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Objection to planning ref: 18/04057/OUT

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Mount Hindrance site

Mr & Mrs M J Bryan, Apple Tree lodge, Cuttifords door, Combe St Nicholas TA20 3AA

We wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the above planning application.

Impact on the Character of Cuttifords Door

The density and over bearing scale of the proposed housing development and sports facility is totally inappropriate both visually and environmentally for the open and rural aspect of the historic hamlet of Cuttifords Door. The impact would be hugely detrimental in terms of its unique identity as, by building on the 'green gap' this would effectively result in the hamlet becoming a suburb of Chard, and would totally destroy the peaceful character of the area.

Impact on Apple Tree Lodge

As the closest neighbouring property to the proposed football pitches, the negative impact on Apple Tree Lodge would be irreversible and would affect the property in several ways:

- Complete and total loss of visual amenity and privacy in the rear garden
- Completely over looked by the sports facilities
- The upstairs rooms would be in the direct sight line of the 3 storey football stadium
- Light pollution / nuisance from the main pitch floodlights
- Constant noise pollution and disturbance from the training and community pitches (in addition to the main stadium / pitch matches and social events at the club house) which could be in use seven days a week at all times of the day and evening
- The proposed tree planting / screening would initially (for at least 15 years) be totally ineffective in providing any privacy and conversely, would eventually over shadow and inhibit any natural light and direct sunshine to the rear garden
- The rural appeal and open fields adjacent to Apple Tree Lodge would be completely desecrated by the density of housing and sheer enormity of the proposed sports complex and associated football pitches and infrastructure required to support the development
- Additionally, should the football club expand and achieve a higher level of performance, further development, increased seating and further additional parking facilities may well be necessary, resulting in even greater urbanisation of the proposed site

Impact on Local Roads

Inevitably with the large number of proposed homes (and assuming that realistically many families may own 2+ cars) a significant increase in traffic around the whole area of Cuttifords Door can be expected. The increase in cars using the CD lane as a 'rat run' would undoubtedly occur, as would the number of vehicles being parked in the road to access the allotments and sports facilities, and wishing to avoid a 'scram' for the few allocated parking places detailed the plan. This would cause significant additional noise, traffic and disturbance to the residential amenity of CD.

Local Plan for Chard

We understand that this site was not originally included in the local plan for Chard (CD being in the parish of Combe St Nicholas) and totally fail to understand why these proposals have been put forward.

To summarise, this development is completely out of keeping with the area and would significantly alter the character and atmosphere of the hamlet. There would be a huge detrimental effect on the local residents and the local wildlife, with increased noise levels, light pollution, traffic levels and destruction of the rural outlook of Cuttifords Door.