

South Hams Local Development Framework
Sherford Area Action Plan Response

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Dear Sirs

Please take account my views on the objections to the proposed Sherford Development.

Thank you

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Monday 7th August 2006

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Dear Sirs

Please find attached my form duly completed raising my objections to the proposed Sherford Development. There are a few points I would like to raise as objections as listed below.

1. Firstly, as I understand it at least 5000 houses are proposed in the 'Sherford Development' with 1500 of these being built in the Billacombe area. To have this mass of houses in one place is absolutely ridiculous particularly seeing over the last few years I do not re-call anywhere reading in our local paper, or hearing on the radio or the television that we have any shortage of housing at all. I have however seen more than one programme on the television highlighting how local people born and raised in villages in rural areas are having to move away from the area because there is not housing to accommodate them.
2. With this last comment in mind, although Plymouth could take say 500 - 1000 houses where the road network could just about cope, the remaining 4000 could easily be absorbed throughout the South Hams linking to villages like Kingsbridge, Dartmouth, Salcombe, Totnes, Bigbury, Modbury etc etc to name but a few. By spreading the volume of housing over a wider area not only are you building where there is a need but the road network in place would be sufficient to cope.
3. Plymouth does not have an abundance of funds to commit to providing the necessary infrastructure for a massive development of 5000 houses on its boundary, particularly seeing all the council tax from these houses will go to the South Hams Coffers and not Plymouth. My council tax is already ridiculously high and I or several other people are not in a position to pay higher taxes to contribute toward the millions of pound which will be needed.
4. The road network at present is undoubtedly not sufficient. The proposed road running behind Candish Drive, coming out to Haye Road and then picking up Billacombe Road would be totally silly. Billacombe Road is already heavily used and I think I am right in saying that the proposed new addition on Laira Bridge of an extra lane would be for the use of buses mainly but also would not be implemented until 2021 ????? Absolutely crazy.
5. The road coming out onto Haye Road would cut across the King George Playing Fields. These were given in trust for the people of Plymouth to use for recreation and the trust is headed by the Duke of Edinburgh - are you allowed to just bulldoze your way through these fields.
6. Also I understand it there are footpaths and roads proposed to run off Billacombe Green. This area has rare Orchids and indeed trees with preservation orders on them - can you also just ignore these orders ?
7. All in all I don't think enough thought has been put into this development and as much as I accept councils have to oblige Central Government Directives did anybody stand up and object to the number of houses which have to be built in our area. Cornwall was told they would have to build 4000 houses, objected and this was reduced to 2000 houses.
8. Lastly, are there inspectors who are monitoring what the South Hams Council are proposing as viable plans to fulfil the governments quotas? I hope so because if this development goes ahead it is a massive injustice. The people of Plymouth do not want it and indeed do not need it.

Yours faithfully

Mr P. S. Moulding