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Dear Sir

19/03416/OUT MANOR FARM, TEMPLECOMBE

Kindly treat this letter as an expression of my strong objection to the proposed redevelopment of Manor Farm, referenced above, on the grounds that the proposal represents the worst type of ribbon development redolent of suburban London's arterial roads in the 1950s. The result will be an ugly cluster of jerry-built houses, of no architectural merit whatsoever, fronting the A357 - a main road whose carriageway is set actually to be narrowed by the addition of a footpath and its traffic hazards heightened by a feeder road emerging onto a blind bend.

The character and quality of the village will be further diluted by this proposed development, which is outside the village boundary. There are many more such schemes in the pipeline and, at this rate, Templecombe will follow near neighbour Gillingham (administered by NDDC), where what was an attractive market town 25 years ago has been wrecked by a series of appallingly unfortunate planning decisions, that has resulted in every building of interest being demolished and replaced by a bland post-modernist gewgaw. Gillingham today is one of the South West's ugliest towns.

Hidden among the small print of the planning application, is the warning instruction 'trim back vegetation within highway limits'. This entails cutting back (or down) any trees or hedgerows that might pose to the developers grounds for local objections in terms of sightlines and safety concerns. The owners of such trees and hedges will not be consulted prior to 'trimming'.

I do not give authority for my telephone numbers or email address to be released to the public domain although my name and address as an objector may be published.

Yours faithfully,



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