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Dear David Kenyon

The revised plan for Manor Farm will be a relief to those residents who were deeply concerned about the very close proximity of proposed building on the earlier and larger plan. Their privacy would have been hugely compromised. Let alone the noise and light pollution that would have been caused.

But this is still a large number of houses in what is supposed to be a 'rural settlement'. I fail to understand why every time there is a new plan we are told each one has to, 'stand alone'. How can they stand alone? Added together, if all the plans go ahead, it means a huge increase in the number of houses.

At the recent West Street meeting, you said West Street being given a 'yes' would bring the potential number of dwellings to be delivered in Templecombe up to 293.

You went on to explain this would be a level of growth commensurate with the higher tier of 'rural centres'. That already Templecombe had more houses allocated to it than Milborne Port, one of the highest 'rural centres' which was 279.

Another 60 would increase the Templecombe figure to 353.

The problems in this settlement have already been laid out by many of its residents ... the dangerous High street, the huge amount of very large traffic and the lack of amenities. It is always conveniently claimed 'more houses mean more jobs'. I'm afraid not in Templecombe it doesn't !

Whatever building is eventually carried out in this settlement PLEASE can it be done carefully .. and with imagination .. thinking about the future and the environment.

Yours sincerely

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