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Dear David Kenyon

We have received notification of the revised plans for the Manor Farm development.

This new plan does address one of the important objections, that of privacy for Templars Barton residents and owners of the new housing proposed.

While this is a relief for all, we would like to confirm our concern with the seemingly unnecessary additional development in a **rural settlement** where over 200 new homes are to be delivered with existing and proposed developments already at an advanced stage.

The demand for houses in Templecombe is very low, as many of the recently built homes remain unsold after a considerable time, over 12 months in many cases.

Templecombe, as a whole does not have the roads, pavements or amenities to sustain additional pedestrian and vehicular activity. Indeed, the high street is narrow, dangerous and with no pavements and remains a severe bottleneck for this main artery.

We have no public house, minimal shops, public transport and medical coverage, thus meaning that most have to use a car to function. This creates even more congestion and pollution in an already oversubscribed environment. Also the school will struggle to accommodate additional children and these children would also be driven to school due to the unsafe walking/ cycling option.

All in all, while extra housing nationally is welcome and in filling is accepted the use of productive green field sites does not seem the prudent option.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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