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Dear Mr Dickins

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It is difficult to appraise in detail the overall potential impact on the parish of Aylesbeare regarding the development of housing and employment land in East Devon.

Aylesbeare Parish Council does, however, have concerns about the impact of the proposed development on local infrastructure in general. The level of proposed development in East Devon represents a huge increase, over the 15 year period to 2026, on the current housing and employment levels.

The local health and education services are already under considerable strain. The Coleridge Medical Centre in Ottery St Mary is only just coping with the current demand for its services. Many of our local schools are operating at near full capacity. For example the King's School (Academy) is full with little opportunity for future expansion. The Fire Service, Police, Local Government and NHS are all under considerable pressure from central government to reduce their running costs which will ultimately lead to reduced level of service to the existing population. To develop yet more housing, leading to more population, will demand even more response from our essential services.

There seems to be very little clear thinking in the Development Plan on how the infrastructure will be developed to cope with the increase in population and demand. For example what is going to be done to improve the road network and where is a new doctors' surgery to be built?

Regarding the village of Aylesbeare we reserve our position pending publication of the Villages Development Plan from which we should be able to assess the changes proposed for the village.

We do, however, note an error and wish a correction to be made to the Draft Local Plan. In Appendix C, page 246 please amend the number of new houses allocated to the village of Aylesbeare from 50 to the correct number of 5 as stated in Strategy 27 on page 95 (R 6.142).

Yours sincerely

Parish Clerk