

neighbourhood plans

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Dear Sirs

As a resident of Galmpton, I am writing to comment on the Brixham Neighbourhood Plan.

Employment site assessment

I totally agree that brownfield rather than greenfield sites should be allocated for employment sites, and indeed for any type of building development. According to the Neighbourhood Plan there are more than enough brownfield sites for this purpose, thus obviating the need to use greenfield sites at all.

Since it is generally accepted that there need to be jobs available before housing is built, then the bringing forward of employment land should be a priority and if as time progresses the projected number of jobs available is not attained, then the building of homes should be proportionately reduced.

Housing site assessment

I understand there has been a dramatic reduction in the number of jobs available in the Paignton area since recent large scale house-building projects and for this reason I approve of the Brixham Peninsula Plan's explicit rejection of the South of Whiterock site for large scale development (Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan, 'Policy Maps', p. 18).

Development of this particular site, would be detrimental to the ecology of the farmland which flows in the Dart Valley AONB because it is so alarmingly close to recently completed extensive developments in White Rock. The large scale of this development would threaten not only the wild-life and plant life in the area but also threaten the integrity of Galmpton as a thriving village community, bringing it closer to becoming simply part of the Whiterock site and destroying its village character.

Protecting the Habitat of Wild-life and Endangered Species

The Brixham and Paignton plans and Natural England stress the need for a thorough legal Habitat Regulation Assessment to precede any development and I firmly believe that this should recommendation should be acted upon as we live in a particularly beautiful and ecologically sensitive part of the UK and should do all we can to preserve it's unique character.

Regards

Lynn Cripps