

Programme Officer

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To: Programme Officer
Subject: West Somerset Local Plan to 2032 : Housing Trajectory - Early Release Site: WAT9

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in response to the proposed modification relating to re-classifying the proposed development site WAT9 (Liddymore Farm, Watchet) for early release.

I wish to object to the proposal strongly as it will have an adverse impact on the quality of life for the local community and does not provide any quality infrastructure i.e. no improvement to community services or enhancement of the environment. I do not believe there is any justification to do this. At the time this development proposal was initiated there was the proposed Hinkley C Power Station application and a productive paper mill in the town at the time. How things can change ?

A future vision should be to regenerate redundant sites within the town centre e.g. Stoates Mill and land to the rear of Anchor Street, Wansborough Paper Mill etc. Re-development of these derelict sites would be less invasive and provide sustainable, affordable housing in a better location to main road access with safe pedestrian accessibility to the town and the shortest walking distance to the nearest convenient shop or bus route.

These alternative brownfield sites developments would enhance the local environment, have less damaging impact on the current natural green field landscape and wildlife habitats and would be more preferable to the local community.

Your consideration would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Lesley Abbott-Garner

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