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**Subject:** FW: Higher field, Pinhoe.

**From:** Evie Schofield  
**Sent:** 01 April 2021 01:22  
**To:** Michael Higgins  
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Dear Michael,

I have been made aware of the proposed planning for 61 new homes to be built on the precious green field site of Home Farm. As a resident of Pinhoe, I wish to raise my objections to this development.

I am sure many people feel strongly about this, especially at a time when green field sites that are on our doorstep are a sanctuary for people and wildlife alike.

After a year of lockdown due to the pandemic, people are embracing the great outdoors and taking an interest in the green spaces around them. We cannot see Higher Field destroyed for yet another housing development! Pinhoe is already struggling with serious traffic congestion and there are insufficient transport networks and amenities to accommodate yet more people to the area. I cannot see that the current infrastructure can support more housing.

I am seriously opposed to the proposed development of higher field as it is an area enjoyed by so many for recreation. You only need look on Facebook to see the number of people objecting to more houses in this area. Surely the impact on local residents must be taken into consideration as well as the preservation of the city landscape and the GREEN fields we should be protecting! There is no greater time in history than now to protect these fields surrounding our city.

I am literally dismayed at the number of housing developments going up everywhere, it feels as though the council has no conscience about the impacts on people or the surrounding landscape. Are we to see urban sprawl stretch right to Broadclyst with villages merging into towns and towns being swallowed by cities? ? I hope not. Devon has so much to offer and building over our green fields is something we should all be fighting against!

Higher field has a diverse range of flora and fauna, including bat's, dormice, birds, small mammals, insects, amphibians, foxes and deer. Do they not have a place in this landscape too? Every development displaces wildlife and pushes it further and further out, who knows the real impact of these sterile housing estates. What measures are being taken to mitigate the impacts? What provisions are being made to ensure that this wildlife still has a home?

It is not acceptable that the council continues to approve housing developments simply for greed - to fill its own pockets at the expense of everything else.

Please reconsider preserving this land for the benefit of people who are local to this area. We need our precious green spaces around Exeter much more than we need more houses!

The traffic in Pinhoe has tripled since the latest wimpy housing estate went up alongside the additional sprawl towards the met Office. Traffic congestion is a serious issue! So much is at stake and once developed, the land can never be returned to what it was before.

This is a real opportunity to do the right thing for the people of Pinhoe and preserve the land as it is for people to enjoy.

Insufficient environmental impact surveys have been carried out, species have deliberately been missed off the list. Residents have not been contacted to voice their concerns or note their observations.

I see that Labour council members are also opposed to this development, so I do hope that the objections will be taken into serious consideration.

I await your response.  
Sincerely, Miss Evie Schofield

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Chilling with the neighbours...

The consultation period has now ended, and the portal is closed for applications.

There is no date as yet for the planning meeting. The ECC Planning Officer for this case can be contacted at  
Fingers crossed for Higher Fields Survival.

Bad news for Higher Field (which is actually part of Home Farm, Pinhoe).

Planning permission has been applied for to build 61 houses on the site. No great surprise, but gutting.

Objections will be placed for many reasons, including impact on local residents, city landscape, environmental concerns and of course, the wildlife that use and depend on the rapidly reducing amount of green space in and around Pinhoe.

If you have enjoyed any of the timelapse videos or photos of this beautiful field, please like/share/post this page. I've never pushed this site before and only ever posted these up so that others could appreciate, but now, any visible help or support might be helpful in the effort to preserve this spectacular green space.

PM me if you would like any further info.

Land at Home Farm, Pinhoe. Outline planning application for the construction of up to 61 dwellings and associated infrastructure. 21/0223/OUT

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