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EX10 8JJ



Planning Policy Section
EDDC
Knowle
Sidmouth.

Letter of Representation - 16/0669/MOUT

COUNCIL



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15 September 2016.

Mr And Mrs Darrant - 20/09/2016

Dear Sir

16/0669/MOUT

We wish to object to the following aspects of the above outline application:

Excessive massing of proposed buildings. A height of 15 metres is totally unacceptable, as is the prospect of one of the buildings being of up to one quarter of the total floor area of the development. A development in the AONB is in any case an unwarranted intrusion at this site, but the enormity of these dimensions would create a monstrous blot on the landscape. 15 metres should be reduced to 5 metres, and 25% to 5%.

Light pollution. An number of eminent astronomers argue vehemently against the damaging effect on the Norman Lockyer Observatory, so the night time lighting should be removed from the plans.

Bat protection should be revisited; the plans are inadequate especially in the Laundry Lane area, where ancient hedgerow should be retained.

The proposal to construct vehicular entrances to both north and south parts of the site at an early date prejudices the EDDC's decision on whether the northern development goes ahead when the site is reviewed.

The cycle route to Sidbury should be completed before this development is allowed to start.

We regret that the inspector allowed this site in the Local Plan, but that is history: the priority now is to make any development as environmentally friendly as possible. We ask the Development Management Committee to reject these aspects of the outline proposals.

Yours sincerely

Alan Darrant

Lyn Darrant

Cc Sidmouth Town Council