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We OBJECT to the planned 2000 homes on the Blean University Site for the following reasons:-

1) Gross over development, there are insufficient NHS dentists now and very difficult to get Doctors appointment, and also added strain on existing Hospitals. Loss of small village settings, by merging three villages into one is gross over development, urban sprawl, monetary based rather than local needs. (eg extra money for council tax earned through migration from London etc rather than local population).

2&3) It would have a huge impact on our local roads, which are so busy now, and is unnecessary cause for additional traffic on surrounding roads, A290 is already one of UK's black-spot roads. Tyler Hill road has become a rat run with city drivers driving much too fast for country lanes with very large agricultural vehicles and horses and cyclist putting lives at risk. It will also add to pollution from increased vehicle emissions.

4) Will destroy the Rural Landscape and tranquility with loss of nature walks that peoples mental health rely on. Will increase light and noise pollution. Bringing three villages into one urban sprawl.

5) Blean church will lose its tranquil setting and so will Crab and Winkle cycle path, which is also very popular for walkers who benefit from the clean air of the countryside. Adding to Light Pollution and Noise, the loss of tranquil space cannot be replaced. Will also Impact on mental health, with the loss of nature.

6) Will destroy Eco Systems that sustain wildlife and bird populations that depend on the current farmland and woods, relying on the food source as well as peace and quiet of the natural countryside. It will interfere with the water table, natural springs run off into the Stour Penn, which was proposed at one point to feed a reservoir that has never materialized.

7) Loss of prime farmland will have a negative impact on future potential jobs for family farms, with the loss of agricultural jobs for local people. With a bigger population to feed will have negative affect on food security, increasing reliance on imports for our food? Once farmland is lost it can never be replaced.

8) Drainage and sewer systems are now outdated and flooding of sewerage and rain water regularly occur in certain parts of Blean because it can't cope now.

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