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As my neighbours in this lovely village have all stated, there is an extensive list of reasons for which the proposed development should not go ahead, to all of which I unequivocally support and agree with. Whether the impact is the sheer amount of traffic that would be brought to our area, bearing in mind the unbearable traffic that is brought to the local area already during summer. I have heard the argument that this services would help solve this issue, yet everyone has so far failed to explain how. If the traffic is going to be on the motorway anyway, why not remove the issue completely by removing the current services, famously some of the worst in the country, and letting the traffic simply pass by our junction without blocking up our area and drivers can be free to continue on to the other services nearby, of which there plenty are of other choices. I am yet to hear a logical reason to support this plan that is so clearly development for developments sake.

The thought that this will help our local economy is sheer delusion since the users of this services will be through traffic and therefore the only benefit will be to the very few businesses and corporations involved, not to our area, unless there is a suggestion that there is an exchange involved in order for this services to be built. That would be incredibly disappointing to hear the council taking part in.

I distinctly remember a meeting regarding this services where one of the people proposing methods that would protect Huntworth was the trees that would take 25 years to grow in order to better hide the site. This meeting was multiple years ago and that number is still many years more than I have been alive. What is more beneficial to our local area? A new services? Or an area in which the residents actually enjoy the life they live? I can guarantee this services is and has for many years been a looming cloud over the locals here, which has already had a severe negative impact on the lives of many.

The developers of this site can preach of the many hypothetical positives it will bring, but the negatives are already here in reality.

The loss of natural environment (including tree felling many are aware of due to its questionable legality) is especially important since this was the side of the motorway which was never supposed to be developed.

The mental health of the residents which is for some bewildering and unknown reason not to be taken into account in these objections. You are forcing the local population into the most awful decision of uprooting the lives they have created for themselves or to be frank, watch these lives be torn up in front of them. The houses they have spent years earning for and paying towards will be worth thousands less, the countryside us Somerset people are so well known for that we all covet is being

destroyed and we are seemingly powerless to stop it.

House prices will decrease, making this move even more difficult for current residents and yet this also apparently not to be considered in this oppressive and forceful process of destruction that is occurring.

I am heartbroken to be forced away from the place I've called home my whole life, but how the council or the developers think that this will appeal to any generation is beyond me, but I will certainly not be sticking around to raise a family here if this services goes ahead. They must consider how incredibly damaging it is that this site is so drastically changing the community that already live here.

This process of continual objection to these plans has been exhausting and depressing. It would be nice to think that we would have some say in what happens on our doorstep but it has been made clear to us residents that the very people who are supposed to protect our way of life are in fact complicit in its destruction.