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Dear Planning Committee,

We are writing on behalf of over 80 local residents who have signed a petition opposing the proposed development in Honiton (Kings Road) under the Local Plan Strategy SD03. As concerned residents, we wish to formally object to this proposal due to significant concerns regarding road safety, access issues, environmental impact, and the overall well-being of the existing community.

Road Safety & Access Issues: The proposed development raises serious concerns about increased traffic congestion and road safety risks. Kings Road is already under strain with existing traffic, and is often at a stand still with heavy commercial traffic, this is only exasperated during the summer months. The road has already given way previously and is often closed due to accidents. The additional burden of construction vehicles and increased residential traffic will exacerbate these issues. The incredibly busy road with limited access points make this area unsuitable for further expansion without significant infrastructure improvements.

Impact on Residents' Well-being: This development will have detrimental effects on the mental health and quality of life of existing residents. The peaceful and scenic nature of this part of Honiton is a defining characteristic of our town, and its destruction will cause distress to many who rely on this environment for their well-being.

Environmental & Wildlife Concerns: The site in question is home to local wildlife that would be displaced by this development. The loss of green space will negatively impact biodiversity and the natural beauty that contributes to Honiton's unique character. The area serves as a haven for local flora and wildlife and any development will irreversibly damage these ecosystems.

Heritage and Visual Impact: The site's current landscape forms an iconic part of Honiton's identity as a historic market town. Any large-scale development risks undermining the town's rural charm, replacing it with an unsightly and inappropriate expansion that fails to respect the existing character of the area.

The EDCC Process. We are deeply concerned at the flawed process that this consultation has taken in relation to Honi-18. We first heard of the proposals 2 weeks ago in that time we have visited local homes and could have had many more signatures to this petition but there was such limited time to do this. Of the 80 people only 6 have known about the plans which reveals the extraordinary lack of openness and transparency that has marked the process. If this is not illegal then it is certainly cowardly and underhand and does no credit to EDCC- it will have served to alienate the local community. Every single person who has signed this petition was aghast at the plans and the way that they simply do not fit the area.

For these reasons, we strongly urge the planning committee to reject to reconsider this area for proposal under the draft local plan and reconsider the long-term impact of such developments on the town and its residents. We request that the council gives due consideration to our concerns and

prioritizes sustainable, community-led planning over unsympathetic urban expansion. There are several other locations highlighted in the draft plan such as the land to Cuckoo Down lane that is not directly impacting residents and has significantly reduced traffic.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this objection and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Stuart Lees

27.3.25

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Mrs Rachel Payne

27.3.25

Local petition to oppose the plan HONi-18 in the 2020-2042 consultation (under local plan strategy SD03)

We the undersigned oppose the Honi-18 plan for the following reasons:

1 This is an area of great natural beauty and should not be lost to new housing . Once lost it can never be recovered. Even though it is not officially delegated as AONB it is clear to everyone that these fields are an integral part of the beauty of this area East of the A35.

2 There is abundant wildlife in these fields. Buzzards, peregrine falcons, woodpeckers, deer, heron, foxes, rabbits, badgers, magpie, crested newts, and many hedgerow birds including chaffinch, bullfinches, goldcrest. These need protecting in this stunning area.

3 The local infrastructure can not support more housing in this area of the town, As the roads are already overly busy and the plans for access to the proposed site are inadequate and dangerous given how steep , narrow and windy the road is above the junction to Waterleat Lane . This plan has simply not taken into account the disruption that the planned road layout will have on local people. The amount of traffic is already of great concern for local people and we see the plan for a junction above the Copper Castle as dangerous and disruptive. Anyone with personal knowledge of the road will know this is a very bad and substandard plan.

We protest most strongly that EDCC has not considered this aspect properly and is riding roughshod over the needs of local people.

4. This plan would greatly alter the feel and beauty of the north east end of the Honiton and thereby diminish this lovely old market town. It is this very reason that previous attempts to building housing in this area have been unsuccessful. We must not sell the soul of Honiton for short term and inadequate housing solutions.

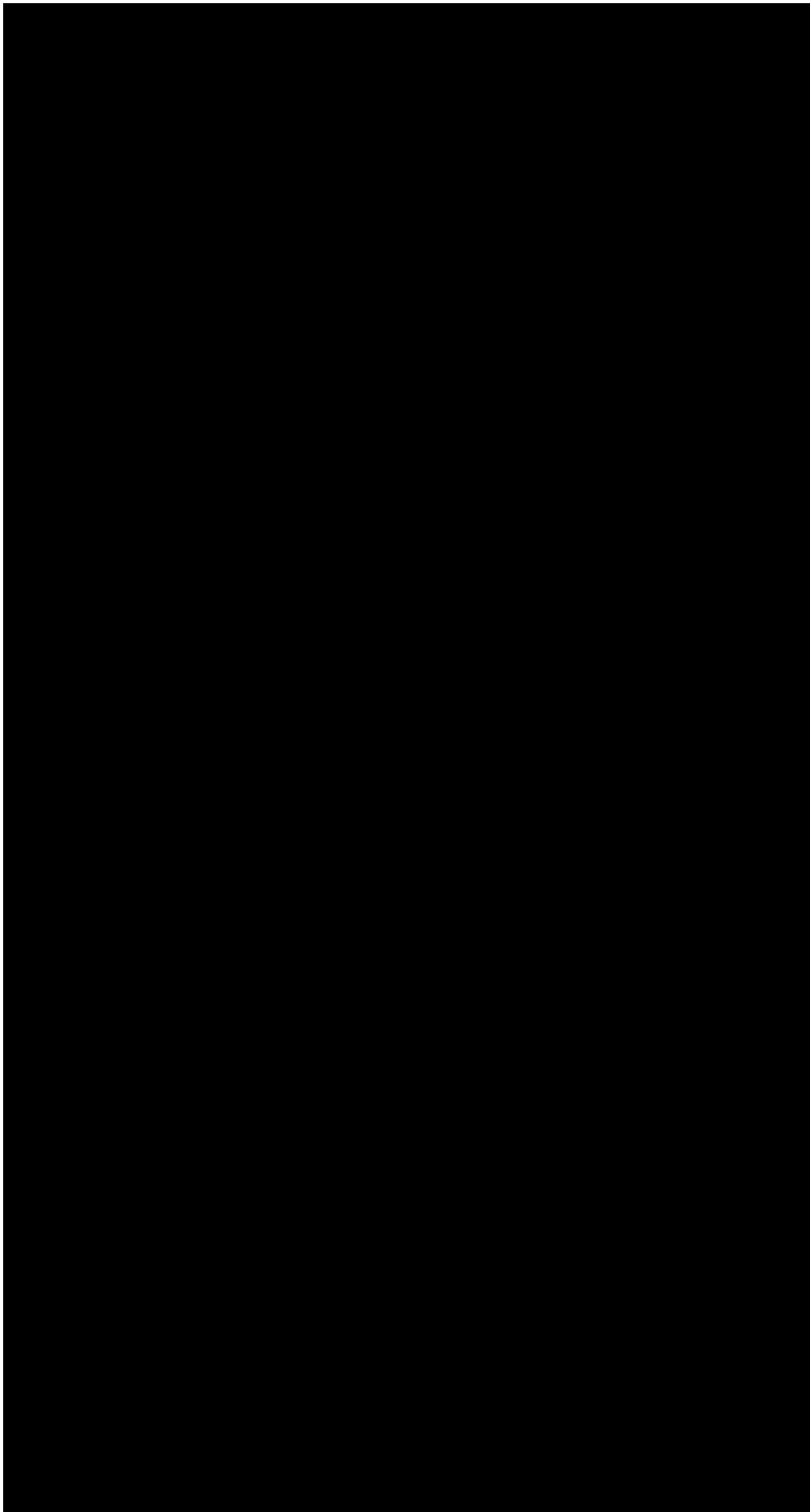
5. The well-being and mental health of the residents need protecting as the area and the views are very important to their lives. Does the EDCC really want to exacerbate the mental health crisis in our society.

6 We want to register our deep unease and protest at the secretive process by which this consultation has been run. As stakeholders in the town we believe we should have been actively informed about the proposed plan which only appears to have become a live option in June 2024, and which many of the undersigned only came to know about it in March 2025 .

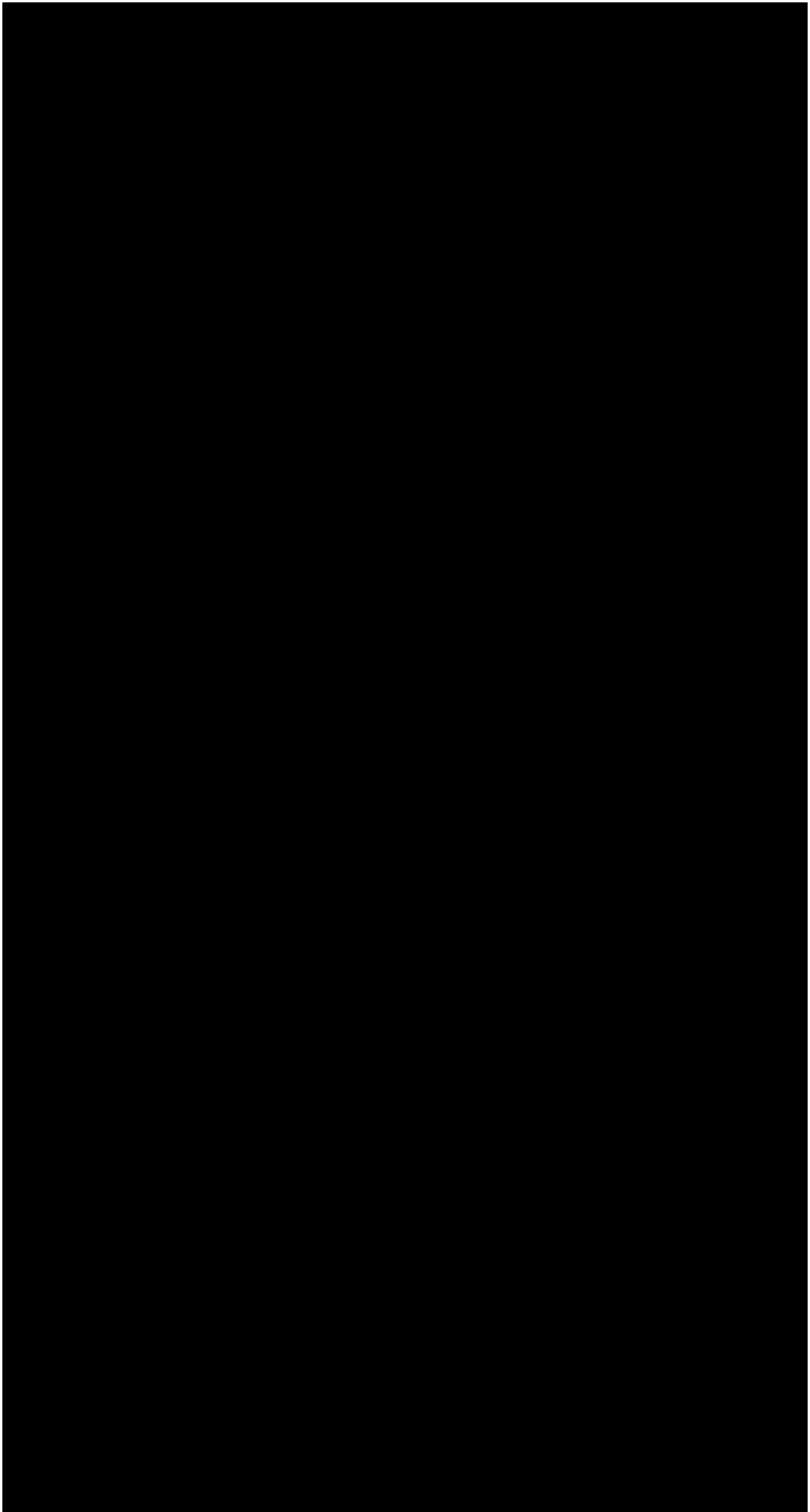
It is our view that another site, one that is brownfield (or simply more appropriate) needs to be found. In this way the needs for more housing can be met but which does not undermine the town and the lives of those who live in the NorthEast of the town so harshly.

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