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PRESS RELEASE: 23/2627/MFUL – land north-east of Parkfield Cottages, Pink House Corner, Woodbury Parish.

Woodbury Parish Council Welcomes Planning Committee Decision to Uphold Local Plan

We express our profound satisfaction with East Devon District Council's Planning Committee decision to refuse a controversial planning application, following their officer's recommendation. The decision, reached after a close vote, saw the Committee uphold the policies of the East Devon Local Plan.

We argued strongly that the proposed development was a clear and unjustified departure from the plan, causing significant and irreversible harm to the landscape, the setting of listed buildings, and the Coastal Preservation Area.

Woodbury Parish Council states: "While we are always supportive of good business, the fundamental issue was the unsuitable location. This decision was about protecting the character of our parish for future generations. The officer's report laid out the undeniable planning harms with crystal clarity, and we are pleased the Committee has supported this professional advice and their own Local Plan."

In our representation to the Committee, we highlighted serious concerns over the proposal's impact on the countryside, strained local infrastructure, and a lack of financial evidence from the applicant. Also questioned the viability of claimed public benefits, including educational access and new job creation.

"We have a duty to be stewards of this parish. Today, the Planning Committee has fulfilled a similar duty. By refusing this application, they have protected our cherished landscape and upheld the planning policies designed to safeguard our community's unique identity. We hope that the company can find an alternative site that is better suited, but still within East Devon.

LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALITY

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