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Dear Mr Jordan,

I am writing to place on record my strong objections to the current Bloor Homes proposals for RA1 in Modbury. My reasons for objection are as follows:

- 1) Highways issues. I do not believe the current proposals to access the A379 from the proposed development are safe or practical. This is already a busy road and in that location full of twists and turns.
- 2) Over development. Modbury certainly needs more affordable housing for local people, but the scale of this development is inappropriate and will seriously impact existing amenities. The original discussions centred around 50 houses, many of them affordable and I suggest that the developers be encouraged to return to that kind of scale, if the other problems can be solved.
- 3) Impact on Palm Green Cross. I am concerned that the current proposals do not adequately reflect the importance of parking at Palm Green Cross to the local community. Nor do they recognise the proximity of the school and the additional hazard to young children that this development might bring.

Finally, might I raise a more delicate point? Many constituents have contacted me about these proposals over recent months and there is widespread concern in Modbury that the parish council is not accurately reflecting public opinion. I did tackle the parish council about this directly some months ago and remained unconvinced that they are properly consulting the people of the town. There does seem to be a determination on their part to deliver this large scale development even in the teeth of local opposition and deep suspicion as to motive. I hope therefore that the district council in making decisions on this matter will fully take into account individual objections and not just the views of the parish council.

Yours sincerely,