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Dear Sir,

Call For Sites

I have never really understood these "Calls For Sites" which occur for a few weeks every few years. It is never at all clear whether ordinary people can put sites forward which they do not own.

Having long been interested in New Towns or Garden Villages, I have recently joined the Town & Country Planning Association and receive its monthly magazine or learned journal. In the case of EDDC I am preaching to the converted as the Cranbrook development is well under way. It is not at all clear how one finds other people with the same idea.

Clearly anything starting now will not come to fruition for 5 or 10 years. One does not want to spend a lot of money on preliminaries which no-one takes any notice of.

One site I have in mind is Newton Poppleford. This would appear to need a bypass for the A 3052. It is doubtful if there is any form of "Plan" as far as County Highways are concerned.

The other sites are all along railway lines : -

Penitán

Wilmington


Seaton Junction (North of Colyton.

Wadbrook (East of Axminster) - This is in the Hawkchurch area which has proposals for 50MW solar farms due to the National Grid nearby

It might also be possible to reopen the Lyme Regis branch railway and build something near Uplyme. Lyme Regis is in Dorset and a bridge over the main line at Axminster would be necessary.

With the recent White Paper, it seems that all the existing planning system is being thrown up in the air. It is possible that a lot more land will be released for development although there will still be a Local Plan.

Yours Faithfully,


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