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Good afternoon!

It was unclear on the website how to contact you with my views to the East Devon local plan, so I hope I'm emailing the correct person!

While I understand the need for new housing, I feel in recent years things have not been done in the right way.

I live in Honiton and I was born here almost 46 years ago, I have witnessed many changes over the years with new developments.

My main concern is that the town is not equipped to provide services to local communities. The schools are already full, with some local families having to take their children to school in Cullompton as the new year 7 intake at HCC is full. The local primary schools are full. It is really difficult to get a local NHS dentist, I only have one as I've been going to the same practice for about 44 years..... my husband has to go elsewhere.

The GP surgery is a huge concern, we are constantly being told they can't cope with demand and often have to wait weeks to see a GP and if it isn't urgent, then months. We can't use the online consult as it's too busy and I have recently tried to get through by phone and it took me over 30 times to get through and speak to someone.

Local road networks are full of potholes now frequently damaging cars.

So, I'm my opinion, before giving planning consent to build hundreds of more homes, housing thousands of more people, we need to build up the local services and infrastructure so that the town can cope with a higher population.

Kind regards

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Sent from my iPhone