

10 December 2022

East Devon District Council  
Strategic Planning (Emerging Local Plan Comments)  
Blackdown House  
Border Road  
Heathpark Industrial Estate  
HONITON  
EX14 1EJ

Dear Strategic Planning Policy Team,

Re: EMERGING LOCAL PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION.  
OBJECTION TO ALLOCATION LP\_Gitti\_05

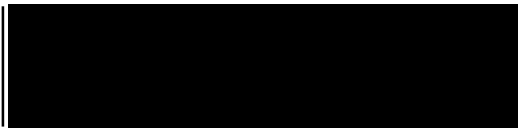
I am writing to register my objection to any residential development in allocation Reference LP\_Gitti\_05 as identified in the Emerging Local Plan consultation.

The reasons for this objection are as follows:

- The detrimental impact development will have on the setting of Gittisham Village and its conservation area.
- Development will have a detrimental visual impact to the AONB and on the setting of the AONB (see below).
- It is not appropriate to increase further residentially generated traffic and pedestrian movements through an industrial estate.
- Additional traffic accessing Hayne Lane or the existing Hayne Farm development will be detrimental to vehicular and pedestrian safety.
- The western edge of LP\_Gitti\_05 and the proposed settlement boundary, border a single-track lane which is subject to severe flooding during inclement weather, with deep surface water gathering under the railway bridge near Gittisham Forge. Any further development on the hill bordering this lane will only exacerbate the flooding in this area and make the lane impassable for Gittisham residents and traffic.
- The single-track lane mentioned above is regularly used by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders to access Hayne Lane, and onward to Honiton town centre. It is also a single track bus route between Gittisham, Honiton and Exeter. Any additional traffic along this lane from any new development in that area would be detrimental to pedestrian and vehicular safety and would seriously affect the running of public transport in the area, ultimately leading to delays, congestion and loss of the service.

- Development of LP\_Gitti\_05, would have a huge impact on the landscape, as the site is substantial and southerly parts of the site fall within the AONB with high inter-visibility.
- Development of LP\_Gitti\_05 will also place further pressure on already overstretched health, social and education services.
- Highways, sewers and sewage treatment infrastructure are already at capacity.
- The distance from Honiton town centre, schools, health centre/hospital, train station and commercial centre will necessitate the use of motor vehicle travel resulting in an unsustainable development.
- The allocation of any part of LP\_Gitti\_05 to development will be contrary to Objectives 7, 8, 9 and 11 of the Local Plan.
- It is totally inappropriate and irresponsible to be showing a settlement boundary at this stage in the proceedings, especially a boundary intruding on Green Belt land and AONB.

Yours faithfully,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

John Adamson