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I write to advise my concern regarding building of more new homes in Lympstone. At present Lympstone is and always has been a delightful village in which to live however it is starting to be affected by development on every patch of land that can be found.

Firstly, the infrastructure is not there to support any more housing. We are all aware that our Hospitals are overwhelmed, RD&E has hardly changed since it was first built and there is little surrounding land to enable it to grow, parking is a nightmare. Our school in Lympstone is well regarded but again at capacity. The roads in Lympstone are very congested with incoming and outgoing traffic. Most housing in Lympstone has no or limited parking therefore people park wherever they find a space and very often in unsuitable locations causing a hazard. If I enter Strawberry Hill from the bottom - approaching from the east I have to enter on the wrong side of the road due to cars parked in a splay outside a bungalow opposite the entrance to Strawberry Hill. Cars repeatedly park overhanging the splay. So many splays are now used like this they used to be passing areas.

The A376 is already well over-loaded with traffic and this is before Goodmore's Farm housing is complete when even more traffic is put onto the A376. Yesterday it took me 20 minutes to drive from the end of the row of houses in Wooton Lane to the traffic lights due to only two or three cars exiting onto the A376 before the lights change, traffic trying to turn into Wooton Lane from the A376 also at a standstill spilling out onto the A376. Priority is given to traffic driving south and north on the A376. There is always a tailback getting out of Lympstone at the lights.

The proposed developments at the top of Strawberry Hill and Meeting Lane will aggravate all of the above. Turning left or right onto the A376 from Meeting Lane is dicing with death even if traffic lights were put there as visibility is so poor. Traffic using Strawberry Hill has changed completely in the ten years I have lived here, (I previously lived on Courtlands Lane). A continuous stream of cars vans and HGVs now use this road and drive too fast. Strawberry Hill is a straight but narrow road, exiting my driveway is always a hazard and as for walking you need good hearing and sense of approaching traffic from behind you. The narrowness of the top section where it is proposed to build a further 46 houses is ridiculous. The road is always flooding with water run-off from the fields. Turning right onto Meeting Lane is always difficult as poor vision, If you build a further 131 houses on green agricultural fields plus the other two sites the whole situation for the welfare of Lympstone will be a nightmare. Almost all households have two or more cars therefore putting a minimum of another 366 cars on Lympstone Lanes plus all surrounding roads. Also delivery vehicles etc etc. All of this development will be on areas of agricultural land. With what is going on in the world today we should be looking at ways to make use of our agricultural land in order to cut flying food from around the world plus dependence on unstable countries. Devon has always been known in the past for its agriculture, we should concentrate on this and less on housing. Housing will always be built but in more suitable locations and not agricultural. Devon is not building houses for locals.

As for Grange Close, I am speechless! No access and no drainage.

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