

From Miss Mary Truell, [REDACTED]

Letter of OBJECTION to the
Draft of the New Local Plan, EDDC,
2020-2040, Constructed with
sincere labour by the Planning
Dept. of EDDC.
Mary Truell.

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Please forgive the scruffy ^{form} of my handwritten response to the above. Being rather ancient I find modern "gadgets" unreliable in a lot of cases so I trust you can read my wobbly hand writing. ^{It is} written with much hope that, from now on, the EDDC will do their utmost to do everything in their power to preserve, enhance, restore our wonderful Natural World in East Devon.

Thank you

We need greater Vision for
the future and the courage
to make it a reality -

From. Mrs Mary Truell. [REDACTED]

January, 2023

We are living in exceptional times therefore I had expected that East Devon would have produced an exceptional Local Plan covering the area until 2040. Sadly this has not happened and I must therefore OBJECT to the draft EDLP which I have read as closely as possible through its many pages.

1. We are in the throes of a potentially devastating historic period throughout the World. Climate Change. From now onwards every action we take will influence the way that we face this unprecedented situation for generations to come. We can only do this in small ways, such as in our own little Parishes in what was once the most sought after part of Devon by poets and artists, for its intrinsic natural landscape but now consistently destroyed by in many areas, including Lymington by overriding building smothering its famous attributes. by House building, roads, commercial building, Solar panel "farms" over agricultural land, Light pollution, air pollution, Vast supermarkets, on historic places of beauty etc. etc., all donating

for the lust of money - We are reaping
the selfish desires we have sown. There must
be a dramatic turnabout and for this we
need Government whether Central, District or
Parish to produce such leadership, eg. in
Local Planning. 2

Two very serious proofs of past stupidity
are increasingly before us - The drastic, speedy
decline in wildlife and the increase in
sickness of body, mind and spirit in the human
species. There is one window of Hope.

Thank Goodness for the charitable
Societies, such as Devon Wildlife Trust,
CPRF, RSPB, the Woodland Trust, the National Trust,
the Ocean protection charities, and many smaller
charities for particular species such as Gullturtles,
hedgehogs, bats, otters and beavers etc. and
Hedgerows and wild places vital both for humans
and other creatures + Birds to move undisturbed.

As I write, our Government is discussing the
~~likely~~ Retention of EU Law ^{Bill} on Protecting
important natural areas, e.g. the Coastal
Preservation Area in Lymeport and
Green Wedges to prevent merging of
communities into amorphous "lumps".
(reference the horrendous upping
Down the out of hedges, in nesting time and
axing of live trees, countless animal
habitats marked by Natural England
destroyed when Goodmoor Farm was finally permitted
to go ahead).

Fortunately a great number of
ordinary people in Lymeport and

undoubtedly in villages all over Britain are ardently creating innovative ways and means of restoring the wild flowers, mini beasts, mammals, pollinators etc. etc. in their own back gardens and far wider areas. Lymstone is full of such responsible people including professionals in Natural elements lending their expertise.

* Please read Separate ~~two~~ pages 4a. 4b 4c headed "Housing."

* Return from extract (inset)

In the Village of Lymstone | No new housing estates p10

to be built ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ ANY of the areas ^{in Wymston} ~~in~~ 4
the EDLP. ~~The~~ A new building on footprint
of old probably acceptable, or extensions for
"branny" flats etc.

Any suitable houses for sale should be
bought by the Council or Church to be
restored as Council Houses or joint-ownership
for young village people. NO MORE second
homes and those now on long lets must
be lived in for at least most of the year
except for genuine holidays ^{or away}.

Empty second homes must pay double
or treble extra tax.

Traffic. It is absolutely vital that traffic
of all nature is reduced if petrol/electric
driven.

Cycling, walking, running, horse-drawn
buggies, or rickshaws, electric scooters or
small buggies (as in Delhi, India!!) etc.
permitted. Virtual paths both in village

School AND St. Peter's School, Harefield
must be devised asap. Children are not
to be driven to school wherever ^{otherwise} possible.

The large Car Park at the Saddlers Arms
should be hired by the Council to act as
parking place while children WALK
along suitable paths supervised by adults.

Roads Well known that more roads

that are built more cars are produced to detriment of countryside, natural absorption of heavy rainfall, flooding etc.

Our disgraceful imposition of tarmac and concrete over our wonderful diversity of soils in East Devon has had almost the most detrimental effect on our CO₂ emissions contribution in East Devon.

Housing in Towns. Other countries have ceased building new houses anywhere at all in the countryside or green spaces on the periphery of towns and villages. This must be the order here in Devon.

With imagination and suitable reward any new building whatsoever must NOT be in our villages but within towns trying for instance to create the attractive green revival of Exmouth and the other towns in Devon.

Public transport. Increase in small buses at convenient times and pick-up places.

2. Car-Clubs- Car-Share- New innovation to keep cars out of villages.

Licence. Increase of age to 19 to obtain a licence. Exceptions for farm workers etc + those in remote places.

Health A big problem!

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Every medic, every gardener i.e. Monty Don, Alan Titchmarsh, Adam etc and Long ^{distant} walkers,

Explorers, programmes such as Autumn Watch, Countryfile INSIST that British People and Immigrants, at whatever age, 0-100 MUST walk more and go outdoors to breathe

"Clean" air and move one's limbs.

Our aging population is a problem (I know, I am one of them!!) but obesity in younger people is also a killer-

Schools, Youth Clubs etc. I am amazed that many more school children, especially secondary level, have not volunteered to help farmers particularly, to do seasonal work such as potato bashing, picking daffodils, brussel sprout gathering, collecting blackberries - elderberries hips etc for those short of food. Cooking lessons in school vital. Much more productive than computers and other gadgets "breathing" CO₂ emissions into the atmosphere!

FUEL Moratorium on Solar Panels on green fields. All taken off fields in future to re-align on roof tops or on Perimeters of Motorways - Wind turbines. Very limited use as aesthetically

Very Bad for restful countryside noises,
for those on holiday- 7

Light Pollution and Fuel Economy.

Every office lawfully to turn off
lights at end of work time.

Street lights. Dimmed. Private lighting
* Shrouded after 11 o'clock especially for
night loving birds & mammals.

Light ~~houses~~ pollution from large estates to have
much stricter laws on turning off/wasting
electricity, gas etc. and hiding
night skies.

Fuel. Water. Small turbines in rivers, sea
etc without disturbing water creatures.

Wind Small, individual windmills on roofs
so aesthetically pleasing. New innovation on
ways to generate electricity/power such as old-
fashioned bicycles with pedal "power"!

Economy More village shops to prevent use
of cars etc.
Recovery of train services. Good idea that
every bus journey only a £2!
Tourist trade - Biggest form of economic
input for Devon.

Conclusion.
I have been extremely lucky to
have spent 35 years in this
beautiful part of Devon (County of my

fore bears) with my late husband, ~~and~~ often visited by my sons and their families & and having my daughter and her husband ^{now} living in the Parish keeping a caring eye upon me in my pretty cottage in the centre of the village. Lymington

Community must be one of the kindest, most friendly and helpful one in Devon! It is this wonderful goodwill which I am certain must remain intact, it is too precious to lose. One of my fears over the years ^{was} that the excessive growth of house building in most village communities in Devon must never be allowed to become so large that the unique spirit of

companionship is lost simply because there are too many people. It is VITAL that Lymington and other village communities never lose their unique identity, especially, as in the present case, the large town of Exmouth creeps more and more into our domain as it has done in a number of ancient parishes around us.

Our forefathers knew what they were on about when the Parishes, created by the Church, were given their specific boundaries. Old Lymingtonians will tell you exactly why our Parish wanders through farmland wending its way from IN the River to a private patch right up on Woodbury Common. I have fought for this and for the beauty around us for all the years I have lived here. May it remain sacrosanct to new residents and old with my sincere good wishes and gratitude. Mary Truell.

* Inset from Page 3

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Housing, Green Wedge etc. in Lymstone N^E of Exmouth -
I am writing on this subject because I
simply cannot believe how utterly ridiculous
the proposed vast area of Lymstone NOT
as named on the Plans and in the
Script referring to the EDLP Nos. 08-09-10a-
-14 and ExMO-12 as part of Exmouth. This
area is entirely within the Parish of
Lymstone and ^{yet} has repeatedly in former
Planning Propostions ^{too} been named Exmouth.
It has infuriated me and many others
in the past and does so again now.

Before ever doing their homework for
the EDLP all Councillors ~~shd~~ ^{shd} entailed
in this section should WALK the Parish

Boundary of Lymstone which some,
I know must have done before and which
I have done a number of times since
living ~~here~~, in Wotton Lane half way
up the Parish of Lymstone. They would
then be able to present accurate maps and
~~incorrect~~ information for all residents new and
old of how far Lymstone Parish actually
goes, starting in the river Exe and ending nearly a mile in
Woodbury Common.
To help those Councillors, map makers
computer analysts etc when attempting to

convince interested residents that houses ^{4b.} ~~should~~ ^{should never be built} on a remote piece of farmland ~~which~~ ^{which} should be put to meadow or pasture or, if suitable soil to arable, instead of smothered with tarmac & concrete for ~~an~~ a mass of houses with NO infrastructure; NO ~~Surgery~~ Surgery, School, Bus, train, Convenient Store etc. and an area very prone to flooding but, most vital for the hopefully increasing number of now declining wildlife drifting down from the ANOBs, a short way away on Woodbury Common.

The whole precept of smothering these valuable fields with houses is, in plain speech, Stupid. I'm afraid East-Devon, ^{was} still under the impression that Government expected a mandatory number of new houses in Devon ^{which} has now, thank goodness, been cancelled by Michael Gore ^{Conisburgh} ~~is~~ one hopes that the first thing East Devon will do is to CANCEL this idiotic proposition for upper Lymington. They should also reclaim our Parish Boundary which runs diagonally across Goodmores Farm and acted as a perfect Green Wedge (also now heavily supported again by Michael Gore) between the houses on Upper Hulham Road and the Brixington Parish across Goodmores.

One more unfortunate truth bears weight on EDLP choosing this hopelessly idiotic ^{site for} houses on Hulham Rds. fields clearly is what one politely calls, the "Second Agenda" in fact, as so often in these cases, the land owner hoping to sell his

precious land to the £ F D D C. The (4 c)
dreadful effect on hundreds of people who
^{would} be living in the area or visiting Woodbury Common
are presumably disregarded by the Landowner.
So many beautiful farms have been ruined
around Exmouth, Lypstone, Budleigh Salterton.

Woodbury etc simply to live the pockets of
the Land Owners who frequently seem
unconcerned at the ~~dreadful~~^{dire} effects they are
causing to helpless people, ~~that they know~~ while
also contributed^{ing} to the Climate Change scenario
which I had hoped, at the beginning of this
letter, is the ^{most vital} subject we must urgently ALL
address. # I remember 35 years ago having
the same heartbreaking conversation ^{with} the
owners of Loversing Farm etc. and now Goodmoor,
who couldn't care less. Please don't let it
happen in these fields up Hulham Rd. or
further at a property near Marley Road, already
turned down years ago by Lypstone's
successful Dattle! We also won another
vulnerable site, still hovering, up Courtlands Lane.

Now ALL new houses must only be built
within Town Centres where jobs, transport, shopping
etc can be easily accessed. Greening Exmouth should
be a new challenge for the so-called Developers who more
accurately are the ignorant "IMPOSERS" helping ruin the Planet. PTD

* Please return to Page 3 in
main letter on bottom line.