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EDDC public consultation regarding the areas being considered for development

I am a resident of Lympstone and I am writing to voice my concerns for the proposed development of Lympstone.

I have serious concerns about the village road coping with extra traffic and problem with parking, already apparent.

The road through Lympstone is single track through the village with in places great difficulty in passing. Any development will increase the number of cars by, on average, two per household. More housing will mean congestion and more toxic fumes which are a risk to health.

People wishing to live here will mainly work outside the village meaning access onto the A 376 Exeter to Exmouth road, which is one of the most congested and dangerous roads in East Devon. Parking is a huge problem in Lympstone. There are more permits than spaces issued for the carpark and I know people with permits who don't like to take their car out in the evening for fear of not getting a space on returning.

There are now many holiday lets and Airbnb properties which advertise parking in the carpark and on the road. Clearly an issue when there are not enough parking places for locals.

There is a proposal for two electricity points in the car park clearly not enough. We are being encouraged to go electric with our cars but with insufficient charging points. I'm thinking particularly of all the properties bordering the main street.

I am glad to see that the proposed development includes

Supporting development at Lympstone that meets local needs and those in the immediate surroundings.

This, of course, means affordable housing for the majority of locals. There are now sufficient houses in the area with price tags of well over £1,000,000. And we need housing suitable for a village not a town (as have been built recently).

Infrastructure

It is clear that Lympstone does not have the infrastructure to support more housing. In particular I would like mention sewage and drainage. The sewage system is ancient and not made for the twenty first century. A huge amount of surface water goes into the sewage system resulting in overflow and the resulting effluent going into the sea.

The school is small and has little space to increase in size.

Identity

Devon is a beautiful county and admired for amongst other things it's lovely villages. There is a grave danger that excessive development around villages will mean that these places just become annexes to nearby towns and cities. The green wedge must be protected at all costs.

My recommendation for fulfilling the housing requirements for Devon (and East Devon, in particular) is the building of a new town. This should be in an area with suitable road access and built with all the latest building requirements to meet the highest environmental requirements. Solar panels, triple glazing etc. And with a proper infrastructure from the outset.

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