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To: Planning West <PlanningWest@eastdevon.gov.uk>
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Dear Sirs,
I could not upload this so I am sending this to you to ask you to add it to your submissions for me?
With thanks in advance

Helen Bennett

Dear Sirs

Comments - EDDC Local Plan Exmouth LP_EXMO_06 and 08+16 and 17. Pertaining to Littleham Exmouth

I can accept that we need more housing given that in the last thirty years the UK's population has risen by over 15 million but since the 1960's Exmouth's footprint has quadrupled already and if we expand much more we will spoil our location forever. Surely, less is more now? Quality not quantity?

Tourism is East Devon and Exmouth's main industry so why build on the 'goose that lays the golden egg'? We need to protect, preserve and enhance the coast line surrounding Exmouth eg between Lympstone and Exmouth, and Exmouth and Budleigh Salterton not build on them and spoil the Natural Environment which is what makes Exmouth such a unique and stunning location. The coast and it's fields are also incredibly important to local and migrating wildlife.

The Maer/Littleham Valley could with a little imagination become a major new twelve months of the year Holiday Attraction as an Educational and Event location based on 'Regenerative Farming/Rewilding Project' along the lines of the highly profitable Knepp Estate in Sussex. With the added attraction of the coast just beyond which Knepp do not have!

Because of the above I would ask that you refuse this application. Please note I have no issue with the new housing in the field below Douglas Avenue, this is infill between housing which is already there and the field not valuable for wildlife. I am against the building on the water meadows at Green Farm and out along the cyclepath towards Budleigh because this would be to the Exmouth's detriment both Economic and Natural.

For me the obvious place for new housing which would have the least impact on the Town, Coast or Holiday Economy would be the creation of a 'new village' on the fields surrounding the church of St Johns in the Wilderness? I know this is an area you do not wish to consider but I think it is the most sensible given all the above? Great road links via Dinan Way.

BURYING THE DEAD! The Cemetery beside the Churchyard at Littleham is nearly full and whatever plans you finally agree on I ask you to 'ear mark' the two wildlife rich meadows beside the churchyard and cemetery for the soon to be needed extension to the cemetery? One could be a more formal extension to the cemetery the other could be a Natural Burial Ground this would both plan for the future and protect these two well loved meadows and retain some of the 'heart and soul' of Littleham? Littleham Church Path runs through these fields and this is a very popular walk. I have spoken to people who are in tears about their potential loss..... And practically we need to be able to bury our dead and/or their ashes?

FINALLY, IS THERE A LEGAL CASE because of SWW's lack of investment and the need during the summer for them to pump raw sewage out into the sea so polluting 'the goose that lays the golden egg' of with holding the granting of any more planning permission until this issue is resolved and investment made?

With thanks for the chance to comment

Yours sincerely,

Helen Bennett