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We need housing to densify our built up areas, and strengthen the existing systems to support them.

It is easy for the planning department to sign off large sites to developers who may or may not provide future proof houses, who often put their project above the needs of real people and the earth that sustains them. I understand you have a quota to fill. In less than 30 years many of your coastal villages will be battling sea level rise. Is your plan to abandon existing sites in favour of new ones and leave those of us in at risk communities to evacuate? Where will we go?

My plea is to think about the future of Exmouth and Lympstone with a view to strengthening these places so they are able to support MORE housing with proper infrastructure.

Listed below are the sites I particularly object to, however I call the whole ethos of the planning strategy into question here: it is lazy to dismiss small development applications in more appropriate places in favour of large ones that rip great holes in the countryside creating desolate islands for wildlife in the big picture of our West Country.

I object strongly to the inclusion of the sites to the North East of Exmouth (Exmo_04a, Lymp_09, Lymp_10, Lymp_14) in the Local Plan which are not sustainable. Instead development should focus on densification and improvement of existing sustainable settlements - bringing with new housing better transport solutions and local facilities for residents. Both Lympstone and Exmouth have capacity for such schemes that would bring benefits to existing communities and residents in and around the existing centres if proactively and creatively planned alongside infrastructure improvements.

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