



Re: East Devon Local Plan

To whom it may concern,

We have reviewed the local plan in detail. As we will be adversely affected by the plan, I am submitting our comments. There are many issues with the plan, but we will limit our concerns to those with which we are most familiar and have the greatest impact on our community of Salston Barton: that is, GE/ED/27 and Otty\_10.

Here are our concerns:

- Access and safety has already been significantly impacted by the recent development of King's Reach. The area is accessible only via narrow country lanes from all directions, none of which are able to accept further traffic. Furthermore, the traffic increase will render the route to Sidmouth via the Tipton road impassable. Properly addressing the issue of access can only be achieved by destroying the rural nature of the area.
- The view from East Hill will be transformed from tranquil beauty to urban sprawl. As can easily be seen by standing in the field (GE/ED/27), due to the slope of the site, no amount of tree planting will reduce this impact.
- If the style of development of site Otty\_10 matches that of King's Reach, the character of our hamlet will be destroyed and the value of our properties negatively affected. It cannot be overstated how much mental stress this is having on our family and others of this community.
- Looking at the plan, the decision to include many of the areas (including GE/ED/27 and Otty\_10) appears to be motivated by the desire of the (already wealthy) owners to sell rather than a desire to select land for the benefit of all.

In addition to the issues specific to the areas in our immediate vicinity, it is worth noting that Ottery St Mary has already taken on a disproportionate amount of new development compared to other areas of Devon. There is insufficient secondary or primary education provision, the doctors surgery has become dangerously under-sized and already it is not unusual for the town to be in gridlock.

Regards Adrian & Alison Harris