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To: Planning Policy
Subject: objection to proposal

Dear Sir / Madam

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. This is not sustainable development. Instead plans to build a new community in the area north of Hill Barton should be accelerated and more town centre (brownfield) sites in Exmouth must be utilised instead.

The lack of infrastructure (roads, sewage, surface water) is worrying. The issue of surface water flooding should not be underestimated, especially if greenery is sacrificed for excessive driveways. As an Exmouth resident who works for the RSPB, I am not just against the proposals from the point of view of existing residents (because of increased traffic / pollution and related health issues), but also on behalf of nature. On the Goodmores Farm development, one of the first things the developers did was remove hedgerows unnecessarily with no regard for the impact on birds etc.. What makes Exmouth special is the close proximity to both countryside and sea, this is being eroded by development on the north-eastern fringe. It will be even less special (especially for young people) if the only existing secondary school becomes over-crowded and there is no provision for leisure in that part of town. What tends to follow new housing like this is a new supermarket etc. so this proposal for another 258 homes is the thin end of the wedge...

Most importantly, it seems EDDC has panicked to allocate land to building new houses which simply are not required by government legislation anymore. Recent changes mean that previously compulsory targets are now merely advisory. Surely further discussion and engagement is needed to stop this absurd proposal before it becomes reality.

Yours Sincerely,
Patrick Turnbull (resident of The Marles, Exmouth)