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Dear Sir/Madam

I object strongly to the inclusion of the sites to the east of Lypstone Village, namely Lypm_09, Lypm_10/10a, Lypm_14 and Exm_04a in the Local Area Draft Plan.

Housing in this area of Lypstone is not needed, is in entirely the wrong place and would be unsustainable.

MY OBJECTIONS are based on the following concerns:

1. Land north east of Exmouth, which is in the parish of Lypstone, is not available to meet arbitrary housing targets for Exmouth. 'Parish Capture' of this sort, such as the Goodmores development, is seriously undemocratic and an inappropriate way for EDDC to meet Exmouth's arbitrary contribution to the housing demands placed on East Devon.
2. Coalescence of communities by continuing to build NE of Exmouth would facilitate the encroachment of housing development right up to Lypstone Common, jeopardising the nationally and locally important Pebblebed Heaths' habitats, flora and fauna.
3. There are insufficient services including waste water and drainage, health facilities and education. (The Goodmores development will already be stretching services very thin.)
4. There are no bus routes, cycle or footpaths planned to integrate with other infrastructure in the area.
5. The inability under current legislation and EDDC funding to influence the number of essential social and affordable houses alongside open market housing, makes social housing targets redundant.

Current projected housing figures result from a top-down arbitrary Government requirement, not necessarily from grassroots local needs and capacity for meaningful expansion.

There is a real danger of the creeping destruction of local community integrity.

Should there still be a substantial need for new housing, especially after possible downward revision by Government in the near future, such housing should be situated with integrated proximity to existing and new job opportunities, road & rail & cycle & pedestrian access, either within the 'built-up area boundary' of Exmouth and other towns (leaving green wedges between existing communities) or in a properly planned and serviced new community such as in the Hill Barton area.

Yours faithfully

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