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Dear Sirs

I strongly object 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 plans to build a new community in the area north of Hill Barton should be accelerated and to find more town centre sites in Exmouth.

Exmouth/Brixington local services and infrastructure are already under strain (i.e. health services and the sewage system). Adding hundreds of new homes on top of the Goodmores development will make this even worse.

I am very concerned about the impact on the local environment in that area. It is a green field site with ancient woodland and acts to reduce flooding in the area. Building on this land will increase water runoff. Developing the sites along Hulham Road will lead to Lympstone becoming an extension of Exmouth and the loss of open land between the Pebblebed Heaths and the Estuary. This area contains woodland, trees and wildlife that should be preserved and protected.

Local traffic, air pollution, and parking problems will increase as there are no shops and other facilities within walking distance of the proposed sites. Developing sites outside the centre of Exmouth will create more car-based commuting to Exeter for work and add further traffic jams on Exeter, Hulham, and Higher Marley roads. Wotton Lane in particular is already dangerous and additional traffic will lead to a fatality.

The majority of the additional homes could be provided by a new community in the Hill Barton area with its own local facilities and infrastructure. Exmouth's needs could be met via new and brownfield sites closer to the town centre. Particularly the need for affordable housing should be prioritised over sheltered housing for the retired. We have more than enough empty retirement homes already but very little for young families. And yet more retirement properties are still being built. Based on the current Goodmores development, the proposed sites will provide little or no affordable homes for local people while adding to pollution, traffic, and more strain on health services and school places.

I hope my views can be taken into account when discussing this proposal

Regards

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