

Matthew Dickins  
Planning Policy.  
East Devon Local Plan,  
EDDC Blackdown House  
Border Road, Honiton  
EX14 1EJ.

9 December 2022



Dear Mr Dickins,

Re East Devon Local Plan - Exmouth EXMO-09  
and/or EXMO-17.

I refer to my conversation with Planning  
West today and have been given your name  
as Head of Planning Policy.

I enclose 4 pictures of the large reservoir  
under the field at Satterton Road / Chapel Lane  
Exmouth, which may be of interest to you  
and your department. This is under the  
field where building work may be taking place  
in the future. I hope you find these photos  
of some use to you.

Yours sincerely

MRS ANN WADHAMS

UNDER FIELD AT  
CAPEL LANE - "SERVICE  
RESERVOIR"

EXMO 17 OR  
EXMO-09 LOCAL PLAN.



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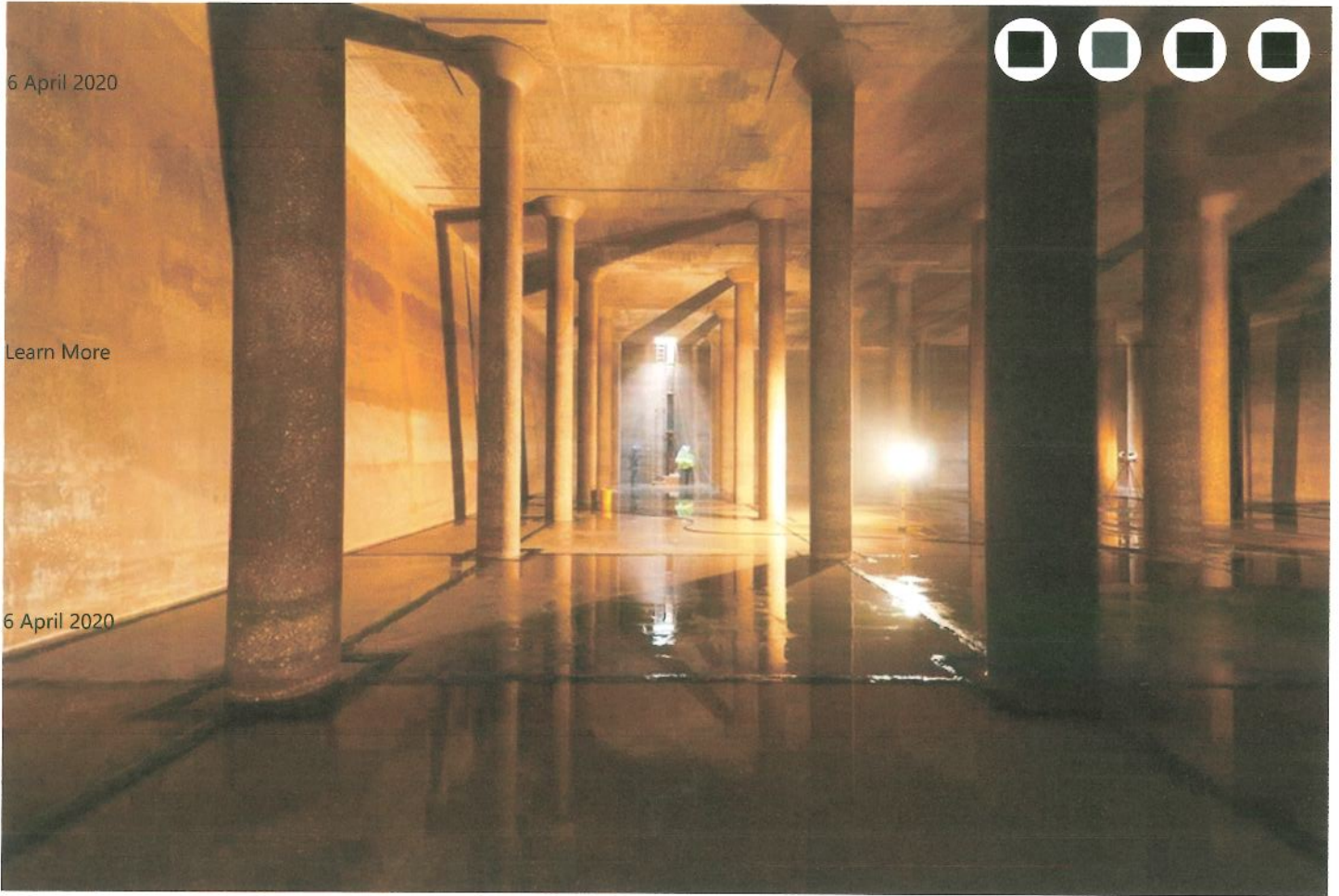
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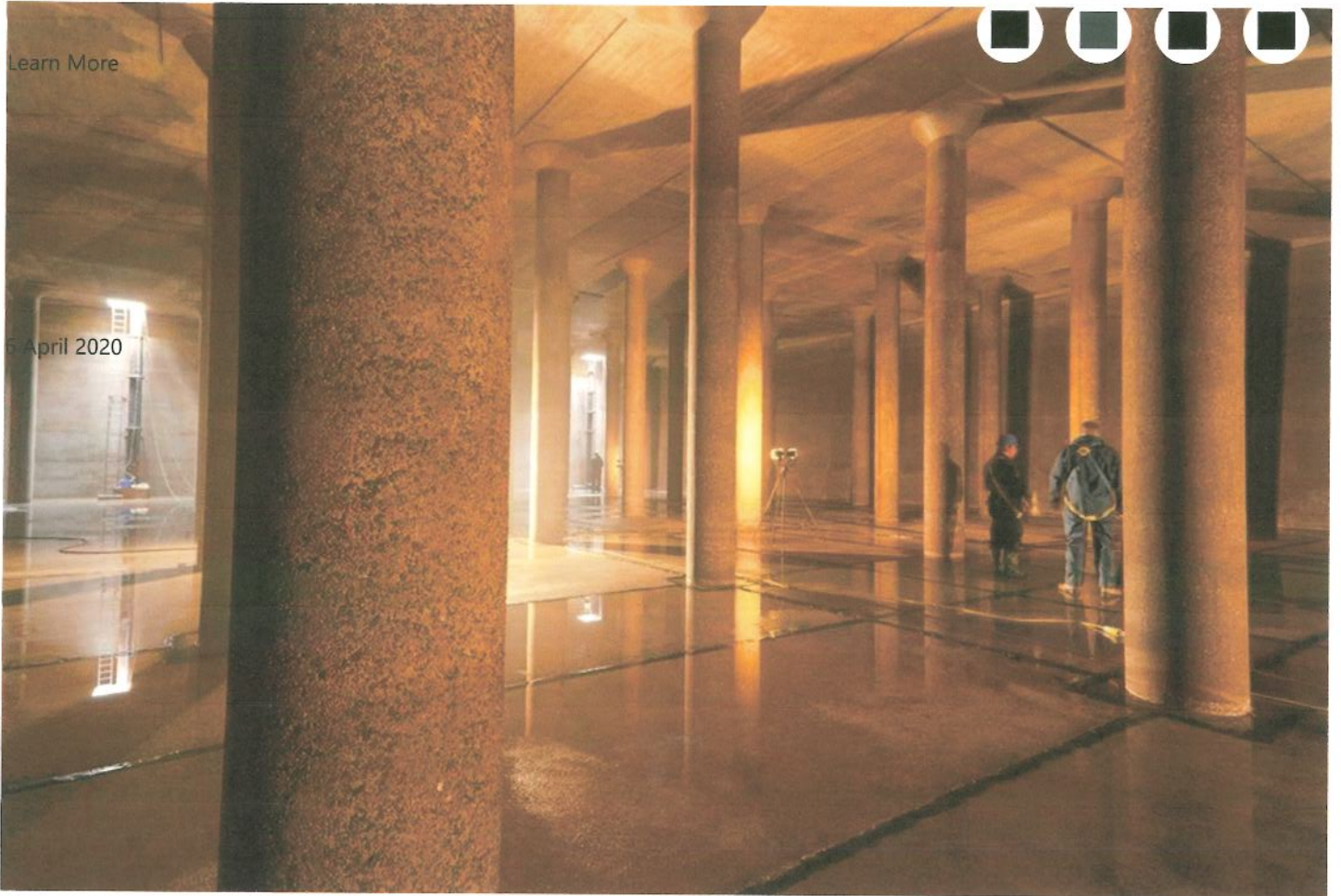
This is amazing. I live nearby, and never knew about this. I actually thought it was an artists impression of how an historic, long-gone Roman water installation might've looked... until I viewed the photos full screen and saw 'modern man' 🤔



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Linda Helliker

Would love to see that

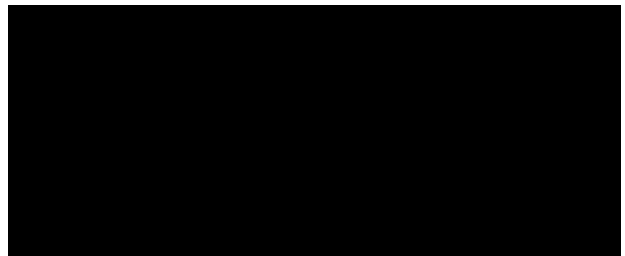
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10/12/22

Dear Sir,

Re Emerging East Devon Local Plan 2020-2040 - EXMOUTH

Exmouth land designated as "06" on the emerging Local Plan is not suitable to be built on:- It is outside of the Town boundary.

This Planning Application was refused in 2015 at Appeal in Bristol. Nothing has changed regarding this site. Both the Town Council and East Devon District Council did not support it. The land would only be accessible by the demolition of a chalet bungalow namely No 76 Douglas Avenue. The field/land is very steep and would need a lot of earth removal before building could commence. The field is not built up on three sides as intimated in the most recent new application. To one side are the backs of gardens on Douglas Avenue, to the other side one bungalow and a public footpath (that has been moved from going across the field to going around the field by blocking the pathway off with fencing). To the remaining side, allotments bordering the estate at Plumb Park.

The land will be seen from all historic footpaths and the National Trust property known as Prattshayes. Both Prattshayes house and Green Farm are grade II Listed Buildings. This is not the right place to be building. Our young people want 1/2 bedroom homes in or near Exmouth Town so that they are near public transport/shops and leisure facilities. The old Jewsons site in the town should be used for building for our young people not retirees. The old Post Office and Home Direct sites could also be utilised for flats for the young. This surely would be better than looking at empty derelict buildings.

This is all before the catastrophic demolition of a perfectly good 3 bedroomed home, No 76 Douglas Avenue, that was bought deviously by CDE on the pretext of a spinster looking to retire to Exmouth from the South East. A really shocking way to acquire a plot to demolish the buildings to gain access to the field. They already have Plumb Park that we were all against when it came to planning. If our council aren't careful the whole of the Maer Valley (both sides of the Littleham Brook) will be built upon. The proposed road will be too narrow and steep to allow the building site vehicles to turn onto Douglas Avenue without going onto the other side of the road. Any waiting site traffic will cause massive back ups onto Douglas Avenue and make it dangerous for us all. The entrance will be on an incline on a bend where numerous accidents have occurred. A car on its roof in the front garden of No



72 and another that ploughed into a newly erected fence and front garden of No 74, both narrowly missing the houses but windows doors and fences and walls all damaged and partly demolished. The drivers were extremely lucky to walk away. There have been numerous other near misses over the years and as traffic is getting heavier and more frequent from Sandy Bay, Plumb Park and Buckingham Heights, not to mention all the other building sites on Douglas Avenue, Orcombe Gardens Rolle Gardens and also the Devoncourt awaiting re-development, then the likelihood of more accidents increases.

We need to have the infrastructure in place for Exmouth to be able to cope before any other building work is started. Our senior school is bussing pupils to Cranbrook, our Drs and Health Centres are finding it hard to cope as there is no more capacity to sign up new patients. The hospital needs a major upgrade. You can't find a NHS dentist and the wait for one is many many years. The water treatment works at Maer Lane can't cope with Exmouth as it is. We need to seriously think of the future so if it can't cope now what hope is there for the future? SWW should be held accountable and be made to upgrade their systems before anymore buildings are added to the system.

We have had so much building work going on in Douglas Avenue and now another field is at risk. What has happened to the plans for the Littleham Valley Park? On one hand CDE stated that the land was valuable agricultural land and didn't want it built upon, then the next they are selling off Maer Farm and wanting to get access to these valuable food fields in Littleham for building housing estates on. Now with no mention of the Valley Park that the Council were very keen to get off the ground CDE want to build more on the very ground that they stated was prime agricultural land. Once all Littleham fields are built on there will be no going back. Where are the wildlife supposed to go? They can't live on waterlogged fields. If you were to read all the comments of the people who objected to Planning Application 22/1954/MOUT and the previously appealed and rejected 15/0753/MOUT you will see this land floods regularly. We need to preserve all the fields as Climate Change takes hold. We need these fields and trees to help mitigate these problems.

Lastly, we have our future generations to "look after" we should start now as previous governments/councils have not had the foresight to plan ahead and that has led to this mess we are now in. Please take heed and let us look after Exmouth for future generations.

*Yours sincerely*



MRS A. LADHAMS