

December 23rd 2023

Planning Policy  
Blackdown House  
Hearnpark Industrial Estate  
Horiton EX14 1ET

Dear Sir / Madam

Re East Devon Local Plan Consultation

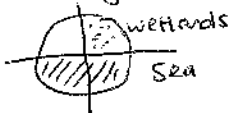
These are my comments on the consultation:

(a) General

(i) The local council should not consider building on green spaces which are fertile and have grown food for the community for years eg LP Seat-05. This land should continue to provide food

(ii) Seaton town has a number of brown field sites with planned housing yet nothing built - eg harbour and Tower areas. These should be prioritised

(iii) Seaton town is unique amongst the East Devon towns subject to government imposed housing targets. It is bounded in two directions - the sea and the wetlands - which effectively reduce the landmass available to a quarter of that expected in a 'normal' town. Hence the calculation of extra housing should be a quarter of other towns. I note this is not in your projection. Please consider the geography of Seaton and adjust targets appropriately



(iv) The Council should be responsive to local voices that cannot assess the w/w or provide email. A 'quick' response on the 15th December is inadequate for a considered comment. In future please do not exclude the non 'tech' savvy otherwise your results are biased.

(b) Specific: LP Seat-05

As a walker I use the road to the cemetery frequently - Cityford Road from Grawel Lane north. There are no footpaths. Cars speed round the corners without care. Cars park on the side of the road near Grawel Lane and obstruct any view/sights. As I walk on the road I regularly have to jump nearly into the ditch. I see mothers pushing buggies for 100s of yards on the road. It is dangerous now. With an increase of 100 houses = 200+ cars waiting access to the cemetery and wetlands will create a disaster. No further increase in motorised vehicles should be considered - to protect the present local residents. Any development in this area should avoid increasing traffic along Cityford Rd.

It is also a national cycle route - there is not room at present for any increase in traffic movement because speed and corners spell death to someone.

I would be grateful for written acknowledgement of these comments

Best wishes for 2023  
(hoping the Royal mail strike will not delay this response)

Yours sincerely

