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Dear council planners,

I have lived in Exe View Road, Lypstone for over 30 years and wish to express my strong opposition to the proposal to build another 250 houses on land bordering higher Hulham Road to the North East of Exmouth.

I fully appreciate the need for more housing, particularly properties that are affordable for young adults who have grown up in the area and wish to make their homes and raise their families here. I am also keen to preserve a natural environment for the wildlife of the area and for people to enjoy. In addition, we have a duty to put houses where the daily use of private cars is not essential.

The areas proposed have no public transport. The nearest shops are over a mile away and to walk to them entails walking along a busy road with no pavement. There is already a significant problem with surface water 'run off' from the fields, which could only get worse if the land was built on. In the immediate vicinity there are owls, woodpeckers, deer, foxes and badgers, to name but a few of the wildlife species who live here. The area is also popular and used regularly by walkers, cyclists and horse-riders, who would all be put at risk by a significant increase in traffic.

In my opinion, new homes should be placed where there is the infrastructure to support the needs of an increased population. People need easy access to places of work, (preferably by public transport), shops, schools, doctors' surgeries etc. The pandemic has also highlighted the need for open spaces and countryside for mental and physical wellbeing.

I urge you to look for brownfield sites and sites with the appropriate infrastructure for development. If there are insufficient of these within the boundaries of Exmouth town, consideration could be given to the construction of another 'new' town like Cranbrook with easy links to Exeter, which is the main centre of employment.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Angela Douglas