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Subject: Response to Consultation on draft East Devon Local Plan

I am responding to the current Consultation on the East Devon Local Plan with a focus on the area north of Exmouth and surrounding Lympstone. I am dismayed that I heard only from neighbours in recent days about the plan, rather than receiving direct information from EDDC. The plan, if implemented, would utterly transform this part of the Exe estuary and the village of Lympstone.

The plan appears to propose, quite extraordinarily, something like 9000 homes in the west of E Devon and 2500 in the rest of the constituency. The Exe estuary is one of the gems of Devon and it, plus the small towns and villages nearby, attract tourism, one of the fundamentals of our economy. The Local Plan appears to show a total disregard for the uniqueness and particular qualities of this area, wiping out much of the 'green wedge' and urbanising a swathe of land around this estuary village, Lympstone. The small parcels of land remaining after the implementation of these proposals would likely become 'infill' over time, meaning the estuary-side would be one long conurbation linking Exmouth, Lympstone and Exton to Topsham, itself now firmly a part of Exeter. The loss of this outstanding natural asset - the estuary and its waterside communities - would be something to be regretted in future.

In addition, there seems to be nothing in the plan which recognises the serious implications for the village of flooding. Similarly, the current infrastructure, particularly roads, schools, doctors, is in no way suited to development as envisaged in the plan. How could it be when up to 500 houses (1000+ people?) may be added to a village whose population currently numbers under 2000! How is such an expansion deemed to be 'low to moderate growth' per the plan?

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Note - In submitting this response, may I ask that these comments be considered in relation to the proposals for possible sites for development as follows:

LYMP_01 Underhill Crescent

LYMP_07 Courtlands Cross

LYMP_08 Summer Lane

LYMP_09 Junction of Exe View and Hulham Rd

LYMP_10a Upper Hulham Rd

LYMP_14 Below the Coles

GH/ED/72 Land between Nutwell and Meeting Lane

GH/ED/73 Land NW of Strawberry Hill