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Hi

Please see my comments on the 2022-2040 draft local plan:

Lympstone is a village of only 2,117 population per the 2021 census, this site in addition to others would increase the population of the village by a significant percentage - the village and Exmouth area are already struggling with vital infrastructure and such an increase in population as envisaged in this plan would put further significant pressure on this. We have the third largest secondary school in the country, can it take more pupils? If not where do these children go to attend school, do they end up having to leave the area and increase transport burden to attend school? Health services are struggling to keep up with current population needs in Lympstone and Exmouth - where will the increased services come from (doctor, dentist, Emergency, consultants, hospital beds)? Transport - the A376 is often clogged, when bad weather hit it was clearly visible what a main artery it is to an already busy town, with the supermarkets failing to be able to be restocked. Increasing population through increased housing at the end of a cul de sac, such as Exmouth and Lympstone creates additional issues not seen in more accessible parts of the county/country. If there is a need for increased housing, then the starting point needs to be looking at the health, education and transport infrastructure and then determining how many additional head of population that can support rather than starting from the point of increasing housing and living in hope that the infrastructure will either cope or market demand will lead to an increase. If you could provide clarity around that then a sensible discussion about where to build housing could follow, and that must in the first instance focus not on new sites within coastal preservation areas and infilling already overburdened towns and villages but those where the transport and infrastructure is being built and preferably redevelopment of existing buildings and brown field sites.

Many thanks
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