

To: East Devon Planning

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft East Devon Local Plan.

As a resident of Lympstone Village I would first wish to comment on the overall target set by Central Government for East Devon. This figure of 946 homes per annum is grossly overstated based on the Government's target of building 300,000 homes a year. If the whole country were set the same target per head of population, then the country would be building 400,000 to 450,000 homes each year. This would suggest that East Devon is being penalised for their past record of achieving previous targets while much to the country's local authorities have dismally failed to get close to their obligations and therefore far from pulling their weight in the provision of new housing.

The second point I would like to make is that having been given this unreasonable delivery target it would appear that EDDC have chosen to put a disproportionate share of the burden on the west of the District with Central and East of the District getting off relatively lightly. This brings me to Lympstone which over the 20 year period will be expected to deliver over 400 new homes either within the Parish or immediately adjacent to the village's built up boundary. While accepting that Lympstone should not be exempt from contributing to the provision of additional housing say in the region of 50 to 75 additional homes the numbers proposed in the draft Local Plan are totally disproportionate to what the Parish can and should take. While there are plenty of good reasons to challenge the individual sites set out in the Local Plan, I leave it to others, which they have, to set out in detail such matters for example encroachment into the green wedge, transport infrastructure and environmental impact etc.

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