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To: Planning Policy
Subject: The Honiton Strategic Policy

Dear Planning Policy Team

I am a resident of Aspen Close in the Parish of Gittishham, Honiton and wish to submit my comments on the EDDC Draft Local Plan.

The wider Honiton area is already an established town with little capacity for large scale development and not ideally suited to infill development on the basis of its topography and infrastructure.

I have particular concerns about three areas identified for development;

- a. Land to the West of Hayne Lane (Gitti_05)
- b. Hayne Farm at Hayne Lane (Gitti_06)
- c. Land at Heathfield, East of Hayne Lane (Honi_01)

On the grounds of:

1. Increased risk of flooding and insufficient water attenuation in an area which already struggles to cope following significant rainfall. SWW are not prepared to increase their already stretched capacity leaving existing homes at further risk of flooding to accommodate new homes. Our home is adjacent to the flood zone and in times of heavy rainfall there is a significant amount of water run off from the hills that collects against the front wall of our home.
2. Access from Old Elm Road onto Hayne Lane is currently gated to prevent through access if this was opened the passing traffic would increase dramatically. There is also insufficient width for regular passing traffic and to expand the road would encroach on the local street scene and local amenity.
3. The increase in vehicular traffic for the residents of the Heathfield Estate would dramatically affect our wellbeing in terms of road safety, increased pollution from vehicle emissions and noise. This would be exacerbated by the construction traffic that would need to pass our properties to build the new dwellings. There are already a significant amount of parked cars along Old Elm Road and with the proposal of 79 dwellings in a small area it will inevitably increase the amount of parked vehicles making it extremely difficult to pass safely.
4. The overall affect would turn a quiet residential area, largely made up of small cul-de-sacs into a through road which is not a reasonable encroachment on our current amenity and enjoyment of the area.
5. Looking at the implications of building of over 400 new dwellings within Honiton I have grave concerns for the impact on the local services such as schools and medical care at a time when Devon County Council openly admit they cannot afford to maintain services let alone increase them.

I understand that EDDC are prescribed the number of houses by Government and that these have to be built somewhere in the District but I would ask that if Central Government insist on these quotas that they pledge to meet the similar resources for increased infrastructure costs and provide the corresponding local services.

Please can you acknowledge safe receipt of this email and that my concerns and objections have been recorded, particularly with regards to LP_Honi_01.

Kind regards

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