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Dear EDDC

We oppose very strongly the inclusion of the sites to the North East of Exmouth (Exmo_04a, Lymp_09, Lymp_10, Lymp_14) in the Local Plan. We acknowledge that more homes are needed but they need to be in the right place which these areas are clearly not. Plans to build a new community in the area north of Hill Barton should be accelerated and more housing sites identified within Exmouth's existing Built Up Area Boundary.

Our reasons for objecting to these proposals are as follows:

1. The strain on our existing local sewage, health and education services is already enormous. Adding yet more properties into this mix is clearly unsustainable and could lead to significant service failure because we simply do not have sufficient services to support this level of expansion. There is no space in local schools for the additional numbers of children, GP surgeries are full.
2. Local traffic problems will only increase through the development of further out-of-town sites. The sites are not on any proposed bus routes bringing yet more traffic onto our already increasingly busy roads. Far better to use brownfield sites closer to Exmouth's town centre and to build closer to Exeter on recognised public transport routes into Exeter, thus reducing the need to drive; public transport from Exmouth is pretty dreadful.
3. Air pollution will only increase. Add this to the backdrop of many significant old trees being destroyed thoughtlessly and unnecessarily at the current Goodmores site and the decrease in Exmouth's ability to absorb CO2 as a result.
4. These developments will erode the green belt that exists between Exmouth and Lympstone; Lympstone will simply become an extension of Exmouth with the massive loss of habitat and open land between the Pebblebed Heaths conservation area and the estuary, and further loss of trees and wildlife that is worthy of protection. Green is good for people's mental health - your proposals to further erode the green belt around Exmouth will contribute to the worsening mental health situation that we currently face.
5. Very few of the newly proposed houses will be affordable for local people. Only about 5% of the Goodmores homes will be affordable.
6. The risk of flooding will increase sharply if we cover over these fields with tarmac and concrete.
7. Our local councillors oppose these plans.
8. Our MP opposes these plans.

Quite simply, these proposals are ridiculous and we urge you to drop them immediately.

Regards

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