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Dear East Devon District Council Planning Department,

We are writing in relation to the East Devon local plan and more specifically to the plans to build approximately 500 new homes within Lympstone Parish.

We firmly oppose these plans, and especially the plans for the majority of the homes being built on either side of Meeting Lane. We oppose due to the reasons listed below:

- 1) The plans to build the majority of the new homes either side of Meeting Lane will greatly reduce surface water drainage and increase the risk of flooding both in the immediate vicinity but also the rest of the village and especially in lower Lympstone. The fields either side of Meeting Lane are often waterlogged and an area of Meeting Lane floods frequently. This has led to the road being closed on a number of occasions in recent years and traffic (including the Stagecoach bus) being diverted through the rest of the village.
- 2) Traffic in the village is significantly increasing. Currently, traffic in Lympstone makes driving through the village and especially up Longmeadow Road painstaking and the addition of new houses will make this congestion significantly worse. This will also have an impact on the safety of pedestrians as many of the roads in the village do not have pedestrian paths. Furthermore, many of roads in and around Lympstone village are single track country lanes that have not been designed to withstand the further burden of yet more motor vehicles and certainly not on the scale that these plans would create.
- 3) Additional houses on the scale proposed will exponentially increase the use of the the junction between Meeting Lane and the A376. This junction is notoriously dangerous with low visibility and motorists driving too fast. This has significant risks on road safety at an already busy and difficult junction. It will push yet more cars through Longmeadow Road because turning right off Meeting Lane onto the A376 is incredibly difficult and dangerous.
- 4) Lympstone is a village, with local amenities and public services in keeping with the size and feel of a village. That said, services in the village are incredibly stretched and certainly not suitable to serve what is being proposed which appears to be an expansion to a town. The GP surgery is overwhelmed and is already unable to meet the needs of all residents in a timely manner. It is very difficult to obtain a non-urgent GP appointment within 2 weeks. Furthermore, the primary school is already full. We have one small local convenience store, which would not be able to serve another 500 homes. There are very few sports facilities for local residents. We have a cricket club with no home ground or pavilion. Where will all the additional families be able to go for activities and sports? Without costly investment and significant growth of these services, the addition of 500 new homes will create untenable pressure on local services and amenities, which will be unable to accommodate new residents on this scale.

We oppose these plans in the strongest possible terms.

Yours Sincerely

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