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**From:** gennie goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 November 2022 11:30  
**To:** Cllr Paul Arnott; Cllr Ian Thomas; Planning Policy  
**Subject:** Categorisation of Pottery as unsustainable

**Categories:** Reg.18 consultation

Dear Cllrs Arnott and Thomas as well as the Panning Policy Lead,

I live in Rawridge, my friends live in Upottery. I know the villages well and do not accept that is unsustainable.

I understand that you are consulting East Devon council tax payers on a draft of the Local Plan for East Devon up until 2040. That plan puts all settlements into one of five categories: “Sustainable” tiers (1 to 4) where specified development/growth will be allowed and an “Unsustainable” category where no development/growth will be allowed.

This has been done by EDDC without consulting the settlements it has categorised in this way and without telling the people in those settlements how they have been scored to determine what services and facilities make a settlement sustainable or unsustainable.

You have decided that the parish and village of Upottery is unsustainable and will not be allowed development for the next 18 years. As a resident, I object to this categorisation of the where I live by people who do not know my community. Upottery is wholly and completely sustainable ..... we residents nurture it and look to similar growth to that of the last 20 years.

Your categorisation is, I believe, completely unjustified. The more so given that identified (2017) a development site (Upot\_01) in the village capable of accommodating up to 20 new homes up to 2040 and which your new plan now says will not be built. Yet, your plan acknowledges you have not been able to find sufficient development land for the new homes required in East Devon over the next 18 years and you now plan to build another new town. How do you justify this when deciding that our parish is not allowed any growth or development when we are crying out for new blood to maintain this thriving parish where clubs abound, new initiatives are constantly being made. We need more young people to avoid stagnation and decline.

We have a village school, a hugely popular and successful village pub with cinema evenings, quizzes, young farmers meetings, local hunt meetings, recreational facilities and a shop. There is a weekly post office. There are Art Clubs, Pottery clubs, health and fitness sessions, shows, world food dinners and so on. The village hall is a centre for a myriad of activities with a playground, educational and theatrical facilities. Our church provides yet another centre for activities.

Modest growth in our population is essential if it is to thrive. Our pub continues to sell the daily food essentials that it started doing during the pandemic. And despite the fact that the excellent community shop of Churchinford is a mere three miles away, the GP surgery the same and that the ultrafast broadband of the parish allows us all to order groceries, Amazon etc with next day deliveries, you deem the Parish unsustainable without a standalone shop.

You have told us that along with three other settlements your scoring of our services and facilities only just failed to put us in the lowest sustainable tier 4. Please would you re-evaluate Upottery since we, the residents, believe that it has been incorrectly evaluated.

Yours Sincerely

Christopher and Gennie Goodman

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