

East Devon District Council
Strategic Planning (Emerging Local Plan Comments)
Blackdown House
Border Road
Heathpark Industrial Estate
HONITON
EX14 1EJ



EMERGING LOCAL PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION – OBJECTION TO ALLOCATION LP_Gitti_05

We are writing to register our objection to any residential development in allocation reference LP_Gitti_05 as identified in the Emerging Local Plan consultation. The reasons for this objection are as follows:

In July 2014 EDDC received submissions raising either objections or matters of significant concern from both AONBs, Natural England, NHS, Devon County, Gittisham Parish Council and others to the housing development allocation East of Hayne Lane in Gittisham Parish.

1. Of particular relevance to this current application is the objection of the Blackdown Hills AONB to the full extent of the then proposed development. The AONB was concerned about the impact of the proposed housing on the views from the AONB, in particular because of the development on the easterly two fields, which they opposed. After much debate and consideration the relevant planning committee agreed to pass the application by one vote. This new proposal will impact even more severely on the views from the Blackdown Hills AONB, in particular, from the ancient monument of Hembury Fort.
2. The village of Gittisham lies wholly within the East Devon AONB and most of the village is a conservation area. One of the assets of the setting of the village is its distance from urban street lighting and the consequent dark sky environment. This environment will be degraded by the proximity of the proposed housing.
3. The only sensible access to the housing would be along Meadow Acre Road, and Hayne Lane. I would question whether the design of this road and Hayne Lane would meet the requirements for access to 400+ houses.
4. The proposed extension to Honiton's housing only adds to the linear nature of the Honiton built up area: this will generate substantial extra vehicle journeys. EDDC's Green Travel Plan "aims to make a contribution to reducing traffic, reducing air pollution and increasing levels of physical activity." This development will have effects that are completely inconsistent with these aims.

5. EDDC prides itself on being "An Outstanding Place to Live". This extended linear development placing households miles from facilities and amenities will be the exact opposite of an outstanding place to live.

Yours faithfully

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