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Good afternoon

I attended the Hemyock Parish Meeting a couple of weeks ago where we were informed of the Local Plan for housing for 2013 to 2033. In principal I agree that housing is needed for Devon however my concern is that it has to be placed in a location where there are services for the local residence.

Having lived in Hemyock for the past 15 years I have witnessed the increased in traffic congestion through the lanes which lead to the A38 /J27 and A38 /J26 and also to Honiton. The roads around Hemyock generally take two cars passing however with lorries and buses using these routes they become congested and unsafe for road users such as car drivers horse riders, cyclist and walkers in this ANOB. This is compounded when the bottom end of the village floods and there is only one way in and out of Hemyock. The road surface is appalling and with additional traffic the roads will disintegrate faster.

The locations identified for additional housing in itself is creating additional issues for the village. The facilities such as school, doctors and shops will not be able to take the population increase.

Land Southwest of Conigar Close – this is a small close of 9 houses many who have additional vehicles parked in the roadway. Access via this route will cause congestion especially during the start and finish of the school day as most parents who drive to the school park along the Logan Way/ parklands area. No consideration has been made for this housing estate to have its own access route which could have been incorporated with the social housing scheme.

Land North of Culmbridge Farm – this area is prone to flooding and it would be irresponsible to build houses in this area especially in light of the issues faced by home owners in Sedgemoor and along the Thames.

Culmbridge Farm – This is a good location however with 80 proposed houses there is a possibility of an additional 160 vehicles attempting to move area the area and without significant increase in road infrastructure and facilities.

Within Hemyock there is little employment available which would mean residents of the new homes would have to travel for work as most of us do already. Having reviewed the proposals it seems that Willand is an ideal location for new homes especially as it does the opportunity to expand easily not only for homes but for work opportunities. Access to the M5/A38 going either north or south is ideal which makes it a safer option for HGVs etc.

I am not an NIMBY as I do see the need for additional housing especially as I would like to see my children being able to live in the village they have been brought up in however unless there is a significant improvement to the infrastructure of the road system and facilities within the village of Hemyock the increase in housing is not appropriate at this stage.

Many thanks

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