

Local Plan Review Consultation (Forward Planning)	68 Prowses
Mid Devon District Council	Hemyock
Phoenix House	Devon
Tiverton	EX 15 3QG
Devon	
EX16 6PP	



(1) **Past Development**

Hemyock has had more than it's fair share of development in the last 10 years. On top of major projects at Castle Park and The St. Ivels site there has been multiple smaller constructions adding hundreds more dwellings, yet surrounding areas have remained untouched.

(2) **Infrastructure and Transport**

Years ago when Hemyock was a village and the population much smaller we had several shops, a bank and even a railway station, now we have an abysmal bus service (5 buses a day, 3hours in the afternoon when there's no bus, and no service on Sunday) Although many houses have been built and many more planned there is no attempt to improve the road network which is totally inadequate for existing traffic, let alone massively increasing the load.

(3) **Environment**

We are continually lectured by central and local government about global warming, climate change, CO2 emissions etc. Yet here we are expanding the population in an area where people are forced to use a car to get to necessary facilities. In the recent wet period on several occasions it was impossible to get out of Hemyock in any direction. Even in moderately wet weather the drains cannot cope and overflow. More housing, more roads more concreting will only exacerbate this.

(4) **Sustainability Assessment**

The council's own sustainability assessment states that new developments should encourage cycling and walking, not being able to go very far in any direction before facing a steep gradient makes cycling only suitable for the most hardy and due to the lack of footpaths in much of the area, combined with heavy traffic walking is a hazard. (pathway over field at bridge)

(5) **In Conclusion**

Hemyock is more than 4 1/2 miles (Wellington or Honiton) from facilities such as supermarkets, banks, cinema, restaurants etc.

With poor public transport this means excessive use of cars. Roads are not adequate for heavy traffic. Work is limited and generally low paid.

Extensive flooding will only be made worse by further development.

Are we to suffer more and more development until we join up with Taunton and Honiton in a great urban sprawl with no individuality or identity.

Is it too much to ask to retain some of our beautiful landscape and peaceful rural environment, Or will the council and their planners not be happy until the whole country is a concrete jungle and we are all sitting in endless traffic jams. **When is enough enough?**