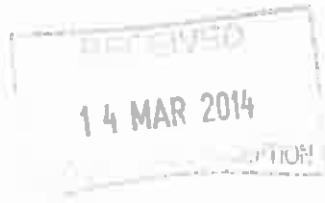


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To whom it may concern,

I have over the last few days had the enclosed flyer put through my letter box. Although I understand that people are entitled to their opinions and to air their views I find this particular item laughable. I imagine you may start receiving some of these over the next few weeks and thought I should clarify some of the points as follows:-

- **The school has limited infrastructure to take more children**
For a start this doesn't make sense, but I am under the impression that if there is a numbering issue with the local school then more investment and growth would be put to the establishment. A plus point surely.
- **The doctors surgery will be unable to take new patients**
I disagree. I have lived in Hemyock for some 9 years with a steady growth of the village I have never had a problem getting an appointment. In fact the doctors has been updated and substantially extended over the past few years.
- **The sewage is already under pressure and overflows at Longmead.**
Again this doesn't make sense, if the sewage was under pressure it would make a terrible mess. The sewage system is well equipped in the village and having lived in Longmead for 5 years I can confirm that the sewage has never overflowed as I'm sure I would have been able to smell it. The river overflows from time to time but I haven't seen any brown submarines.
- **Surface water in Station Road will put more houses at risk of flooding**
Again I'm bemused by this as the proposed houses are going to be built at a higher level than station road housing. Unless you're secretly planning to build a Water Park or canal up at the Culm bridge site I doubt the validity of the comment.
- **The road infrastructure is unable to manage with the amount of traffic at the present time, never mind to have more.**
I whole heartedly agree with this statement as only this morning I had to wait for a horse which extended my commute time by around 45 seconds. Most of the congestion around the Hemyock area is actually caused by Doris from Castle Park out for her daily drive of swerving around pigeons and pot holes.
There is not a problem with traffic in the area.
- **Car parking is generally an issue within Hemyock**
I agree that sometimes it is near impossible to park outside the village shop and I have to walk around the corner. I am not currently aware of any parking issues in Hemyock, in fact compared to some of the villages in the Blacdown Hills Hemyock has ample parking.
- **Culmbridge North site is on a flood plain that floods regularly**
This is the only point I do actually agree with. That area is regularly affected by flood waters. However I'm sure this problem will be addressed as it was for the Mill Leat development

that is also built on a flood plain but has never flooded since the development was completed in 2004.

I would suggest houses on stilts like in Vietnam or a small Venice type setup might be nice.

I'm sure you have better things to do than read my letter but after reading the enclosed leaflet I felt the need to put a sensible (ish) spin on it as people seem to be getting all excited for no reason. They don't seem to understand that more houses in the area are going to support the local fragile infrastructure such as the local shops, garage, hair dresser and post office. Facilities that will die out if they are not supported.

Anyhow that will do for now and thank you for your time.

Regards,



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