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To: DPD
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Dear Sir

I am writing to raise objections to some detail within your local plan for Mid Devon over the next 20 years.

1. Currently Hemyock, where I live is planned to have 3 developments, in total, almost another 200 houses. I think its fair to say, that means another 200-400 cars on our local roads which will also need parking spaces, maybe several hundred return car journeys into and out of the village for work purposes, maybe 400-600 extra people wanting health care and I won't go into the human waste issue (sewers overflowing now!)
2. Today, it took me 10 mins to drive up through Station Road, due to parked vehicles and large lorries. The Village is often clogged with parked vehicles causing the larger ones to gridlock the village, this is happening now!
3. All roads into the village have a single track at some stage, most of the roads are impassable at times during the year due to flooding and occasionally snow.
4. There are areas where there is no footpaths and where there are footpaths, vehicles are often parked on them because of a lack of reasonable parking, oddly more most prevalent on the newer estates. Why do we continue to plan for only one parking space per house. In my Close, there are often 4-5 cars per household.
5. Doctors surgery unable to cope with more people to look after, let alone up to 600 more! Parking is a real issue.
6. There are few job opportunities in the village or within walking distance, so its reasonable to assume, almost every new person will seek employment outside the village, meaning a huge increase in car journeys. The public transport system is very few and far between.
7. The Village does not have mains gas, therefore, householders have to buy in expensive Propane Gas or Oil for heating etc.

There must be better locations for large scale house building, with good transport links, mains Gas, Job availability and so on. Look at Willand, Motorway, railway, business and industrial parks, ideally suited for large scale development. Even Dunkeswell, most of which is up high, so no flooding, lots of businesses, at least two, two lane toads in and out.

So please, on this occasion, give Hemyock a miss and look for more appropriate sites.

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