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Dear Sirs

**MDDC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – HEMYOCK PARISH**

I am a regular visitor to the village of Hemyock and as such would like to voice my objections to the three suggested sites within the parish for potential building.

The two large sites at Culmbridge Farm are both on the highest ground on the outskirts of the village and would have a huge visual impact on the rural landscape and would be totally out of keeping with the AONB status of the area. They are both at the furthest point possible from the school and would mean the children attending the Primary school would have to cross the very busy roads twice a day. Worse still would be the traffic chaos caused by parents driving the children to school. The small site to the south west of Conigar Close is behind the recently built affordable homes for the local people. In my view this should be retained for any more affordable homes that might be needed in the future.

The infrastructure of the village is hardly able to cope with the current population. The village school just manages to cope with the number of children it has at the moment and does not have the facilities to cope with more. Trying to drive through the village or park to use the shops is, at times, impossible due to the amount of cars and heavy vehicles. The sewage system is under pressure and overflows in Longmead. The smell from the sewage works is appalling at times. The Surgery is also struggling to cope with the number of patients. The Doctors also have to cover the villages of Churchinford and Dunkeswell, with any increase in population they may have, stretching their resources even further.

The suggested area adjacent to Junction 27 would be ideal for a new settlement. It has already had an area allocated for industrial development which would provide employment. With the M5 and Tiverton Parkway on the doorstep easy access to the major employment areas would be already in place. A new settlement here would help to relieve the pressure on the rural villages and towns.

I understand that there is currently no allocation for housing in Hemyock up to 2026 and this should remain. The village cannot absorb any more housing developments. It is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and its rural atmosphere and setting should not be compromised by more housing.

Yours faithfully

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