



Local Plan Review Consultation
Forward Planning
Mid Devon District Council
Phoenix House
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Dear Sirs

Re Proposed local plan review for sites in Hemyock at
Culmbridge Farm and Culmstock Road

I have lived in Hemyock for the past 20 years. During that time the village has, I would imagine, at least doubled in size with the addition of a number of poorly conceived ad hoc developments and little thought given to an overall plan and improvements to the infrastructure.

Station Road, the main road from Honiton and Dunkeswell to Wellington is virtually single lane due to the number of cars now parked on street. This causes increasing inconvenience during peak travel times and grid lock if lorries or coaches are involved. The reduced carriage width to single lane halfway up Pennecross Hill causes similar hold-ups and is increasingly likely to cause an accident.

It is indicative of the lack of forward planning that traffic calming, speed bumps and speed restrictions of 20 mph has been introduced on a main thoroughfare that has also effectively been reduced to single lane.

Hemyock was **not** designed for heavy through traffic and any further increase is likely to exacerbate the problem considerably.

The Blackdown Hills is an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Hemyock is its most important centre. Post war development of Hemyock has unfortunately created an urban sprawl that it is in no way in keeping with its location, and I feel that it is in danger of losing its identity as a village and becoming a satellite town of Taunton and Exeter.

The increased heavy rainfall that we have experienced has caused havoc with anyone trying to commute from the area with the limited number of accessible bridges.

For the above reasons, I feel that Hemyock has had more than it fair share of development in the recent past and any future increases should be conditional on considerable improvements to the infrastructure combined with a genuine overall plan for the village.

Yours sincerely


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