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With regard to the 3 new housing development sites been suggested at Hemyock, for nearly 200 new houses. I strongly oppose these plans as Hemyock has already experienced a huge amount of new housing developments over recent years and is not capable of supporting any more without a significant increase in facilities and infrastructure, the burden of this cost falling on the village precept. Hemyock is a village and that's the way the people who live here, would like it to stay. We do not want more houses, more shops, more flooding, more problems with our struggling sewage system, more traffic on our already inadequate roads or more pressure on our village school and doctor's surgery to be forced to expand or move. Employment opportunities in the village are extremely limited which necessitates most people to commute to work and as public transport links are appalling, most people have to drive. More houses would just exacerbate the traffic on our primarily single carriageway roads and the problem of parking that already exists in the village. Hemyock is a village in the heart of the Blackdown Hills AONB and we need to protect it's character and identity, which would be undoubtedly damaged by yet more housing. As of February 2014 there are only 947 properties recorded by DCC in Hemyock, another possible proposed 195 houses would be in excess of a 20% increase in housing stock. This is unacceptable.

I believe the best option for new housing development would be to develop the site at J27. This has excellent road and railway transport links to all local towns and cities and scope for housing and employment development, whilst providing the facilities and infrastructure that a new settlement needs without putting pressure on existing inadequate rural village infrastructures.

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