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**From:** Susie Barrett  
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**To:** DPD  
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I am extremely concerned about the further possible development of housing in Hemyock, where the quality of village life has been steadily deteriorating over the last twenty years and is at a critical point.

I have read the material on your website relating to the Council's plans for the whole area. It strikes me that these have been drawn up urban-centrally. Towns of the present size of Cullompton and Tiverton and Crediton can far more easily absorb and benefit from the proposals put forward for development than the already overgrown village of Hemyock.

Traffic congestion is an issue due to the increase in housing and the consequent increase in the number of people commuting out of the village. The lanes can only take single-lane traffic at several points in and around the village. As it is, during rush hour long queues develop in the narrow lanes in and out of the village. In the daytime, delivery vans and huge lorries negotiate lanes which evolved in the days of horse-drawn vehicles. Yet more housing would exacerbate the problems to an untenable degree.

The social, economic and environmental benefits of development put forward in the Local Plan do not apply to a rural village of the size and restricted location of Hemyock. The infrastructure cannot take more development.

Please would you give the particular needs of each rural village in the area most careful and sympathetic attention, as much as you would if the quality of your own life as a private individual was affected, and give your support to those who argue against any further housing development in Hemyock.

Sincerely, Susan Barrett  
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