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From: Jenny Parsons
Sent: 24 March 2014 15:49
To: DPD
Subject: Hemyock



Dear Sir

Re: Hemyock Local Plan Review & proposal of building 200 new houses.

I strongly object to the proposed building of any new houses in Hemyock on the following grounds;

- This large development contravenes Objective PD3 of the Blackdown Hills AONB Management Plan 2009 – 2014, which states 'The tranquillity of the Blackdown Hills AONB is conserved by restricting or reducing noise and light pollution *and major developments* in and adjacent to the AONB.'
- Policy 3/A of the above states 'Encourage quiet enjoyment of the AONB *and support the restriction of developments*, activities and events *that detract from the tranquillity of the Blackdown Hills*, including artificial light installations.'
- The minor roads in and out of the Hemyock area, whatever their classification (B or C), are narrow and twisty with frequent spots of poor visibility. They are already busy, are a nightmare for cyclists, pedestrians and horseriders and cannot safely take the estimated increase of 400 cars, two per household, that would arise from the new housing.
- Hemyock Primary School has stated that it cannot take more children so either there would have to be substantial new development to cater for any increase or children would have to be shipped out of the village to other schools; this is not good for the socialisation of primary school aged children.
- The sewage system in Hemyock is already at full capacity, as residents on the western side of the village will confirm; there were problems with overflow and horrible smells last summer, as Mid Devon District Council will be aware of.
- Hemyock's Station Road is becoming difficult to negotiate with the high volume of traffic and parking, especially in the vicinity of the Spar shop and any increase in car-ownership in the village from new housing will only exacerbate this problem.
- One of the proposed sites for development is at Culmbridge Farm; this land falls outside the current village boundary. What is the point of having a 'village boundary' if it so easily moved. I object.
- The Hemyock Doctors Surgery has stated that it cannot take any new patients.

For all the above reasons I strongly object to the proposal to build ANY MORE HOUSES in and around Hemyock.

Yours faithfully

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PS. please acknowledge receipt of this letter. Thank you