

Proposed Shire Lane Development

Major issues identified so far from response at the NP marquee. Village Fete 14 June 2014.

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1. Development and housing	2. Tourism, employment and business	3. Footpaths	4. Environment
<p>Unnecessary and out of scale with both Uplyme and Lyme Regis. This is a 'new village' between them, isolated from both, with residents alienated from either. 'Do any of us need this? The development will ruin Lyme Regis, where the greater impact will be felt'</p> <p>'This development is a monstrous carbuncle on the face of an old friend' <i>This last comment is an intentional 'quote' from HRH Prince Charles re. a previous design proposal to extend the National Gallery in London.</i></p> <p>'The correct place for medium and large scale development is Axminster, where it will contribute to the town and assist the provision of the Chard Relief Road'.</p> <p>The ability of Lyme Regis to cope with 1000 new residents is in doubt. The town is clearly struggling now with schools, medical facilities, traffic, parking and other necessary facilities.</p> <p>We need more low cost and affordable homes. How many of these houses will be second homes or holiday homes?</p> <p>These houses are not needed in this area. There is no relationship to local need. Major hesitation from Developers when asked for % on affordable housing.</p>	<p>Unacceptable intrusion and negative visual impact on the A 3052 'tourist coast' road, on the approach to Lyme Regis from Rousdon. 'Fill in elsewhere but not on the coast road'</p> <p>Damage to the essential rural character and attractiveness of the area as a holiday destination of choice / plus the 'knock on' damage to holiday related business.</p> <p>Lyme Regis is a small town with a vibrant tourist industry, and this should continue. One thousand new residents, and the related infrastructure, will hugely damage Lyme Regis.</p> <p>'The village is now becoming or in danger of becoming a suburb of Lyme Regis and will soon look like the type of suburb that people want to escape from to go on holiday. Many people come on holiday here because it is such a lovely place to live and relax.</p> <p>Much of the holiday trade and livelihood of local business may suffer. This is a rural country place and should remain so'.</p>	<p>The top end of Gore Lane is unspoilt and beautiful and needs to be preserved. This is a scenic route onto the Cliff / Coast Path and is important in terms of tourism. This is readily accessible from Uplyme, and there is no other right of way connection to the Coast Path between Ware Cross and Axmouth.</p> <p>Poor pedestrian links to Lyme Regis. Will significantly increase movement by car, and parking requirements.</p>	<p>Damage to the essential rural character and attractiveness of the area as a holiday destination of choice / 'knock on' damage to holiday related business.</p> <p>Adverse impact on East Devon AONB. The site is on high ground and visible from miles around, and it is also immediately adjacent to the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site.</p> <p>'It will change the face forever of a very special and unique place'.</p> <p>'We do not need another hill top settlement'</p> <p>Unnecessary and unjustified destruction of green countryside of AONB quality.</p> <p>'Whatever happened to Brown Field Land and Green Belts'.</p> <p>Increase in pollution and sewage discharge into the River Lym and the sea at Lyme Regis.</p> <p>Part of this site is designated SSSI.</p>

Also total disregard to the Infrastructure requirements of 350+ houses and approx. 1000 increase in population plus 700+ cars, representing a 40% increase in population for Uplyme or 25% increase for Lyme Regis. There has to be infrastructure put in before you build houses to this degree. Where will people work, shop, park, or go to school?

'We have watched the area develop with many houses over the years. The village is now becoming, or is in danger of becoming, a suburb of Lyme Regis, and will soon look like the type of suburb that people want to escape from to go on holiday. Many people come here because it is such a lovely place to live and relax. Much of the holiday trade and livelihood of local business may suffer. This is a rural country place and should remain so'.

5. Community facilities and leisure	6. Roads and traffic	7. Services	8. General comment
<p>'Better put Mrs. Ethelston's on hold as the new proposed school won't be big enough'.</p> <p>'Why does our 7 year old grandson have to travel from Lyme to Charmouth to attend school, as there are no places for his age group in Lyme ? More houses will not help !</p> <p>Where is the infrastructure to support this development ? Schools, Medical Facilities, increased road traffic and parking etc. Currently the schools, traffic, medical and other services are clearly struggling.</p> <p>This development will have an adverse effect on any possible decision to relocate Woodroffe School, or even ruin the possibility.</p>	<p>A considerable number of comments concern the likely adverse impact of traffic generated by the development on both Uplyme and Lyme Regis.</p> <p>Several comments concern the increasing traffic using Gore Lane. 'My family have lived in Gore Lane for 65 years. There is already a traffic problem in Gore Lane with vehicles often having to back on to the main road, which is very dangerous'.</p>	<p>No comments made in respect of Postal Services, Bus Services etc.</p>	<p>Comment recorded on the day comprised 11 pages of closely written text and contained 42 separate comments, many by couples, or on behalf of families, so the number of persons 'represented' would need more work to assess but is probably around 60 to 70.</p> <p>40 of the comments were 'against' the development for various combinations of the reasons listed. Most were very strongly or violently 'against'. Only 2 or 3 indicated that they might be in favour of a smaller development on the site saying 'do they have to build so many' or 'severely limit the total number of houses'.</p> <p>Only 2 comments 'supported' the development. Both were 'one liners' as follows 'This is a fabulous idea, keep it up, ignore all the grumpy right-wing Tories' and 'Absolutely fabulous ! people need homes, end of '</p> <p><i>The first comment was signed with a nickname, the second unsigned but with an Exeter postcode. Both comments were together so it is probable that both were from Exeter current addresses.</i></p> <p>More than a few of those recording comment went on give their views of the underlying 'planning situation', all were highly critical.</p>

			<p>'This is an opportunistic proposal by developers taking advantage of the EDDC Local Plan being unsound'.</p> <p>'The Hallam Proposal is a wholly inappropriate opportunistic development'.</p> <p>'Another example of how Local Government and The Government are putting Corporate interests before that of the people whom they are supposed to be representing. They should be representing local people, who should decide on the future of this land, not some Corporation with profit on its mind'.</p> <p>There were also several comments regarding the general instability of land in the area, for example, 'This is very close to an area well known for land stability problems ! No one really knows what could happen. Go and look at 'The Crows Nest'</p>
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