

Appendix 5

Planning West Team – East Devon District Council

Ref:- 11/1293/MOUT

We refer to the above planning application which has been referred to us as Consultees.

The Application was presented to a Village Meeting on 27th June and fully discussed this objection was unanimously supported. The Application was then considered formally at our Planning Meeting of Monday 4th July. The Parish Council having considered the application would not support the plan and would unanimously recommend **REFUSAL** by the Planning Committee of EDDC. We would cite the following reasons: -

1. There is no fundamental difference between this application and that submitted in March 2010 and consequently our previous detailed objections still stand. (Attached) The removal of the Care Home is of no significance.
2. The road change to Courtlands Lane as proposed will merely increase the traffic along this restricted route as the shortest way to Lympstone Village and Lympstone Primary School thus making this dangerous route even more so. This was a core objection to the last proposal when only pedestrian and cycle access was proposed.
3. Additionally the Council believe that the Traffic Assessment used within the plan contains some key errors of information and a series of dubious presumptions and assumptions within the modelling. The Council also have grave concerns that SLP and DCC have obviously had extensive private talks in the lead up to this application that materially affect the neighbourhood and that significant sums of money have already been “discussed”.
4. The application in no way answers the EDDC reasons 1 & 2 for refusal in 2010 since it still clearly breaches EDDC Policy. These cover “Building in Open Countryside” and “Green Wedge”. Both these objections are in line with the adopted Village Plan.
5. The LDF Preferred Approach supports the retention of the Green Wedge (Appendix 1) and does not support this development.
6. Intended Government legislation such as DEFRA White Paper “The Natural Choice: Securing the Value of Nature”, would indicate support for the Green Wedge to be preserved. Under The Localism Bill and Neighbourhood Plans the Parish Council, by authority within the Parish Plan, would seek to formally secure these rights when permitted.
7. Despite the claims of SLP there has been no Community Involvement in this latest application. Whilst they have been in contact with Exmouth they have not offered any consultation with Lympstone. The whole reason d’être for this application centers on Exmouth and not Lympstone.

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