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9th January 2012

Mr.Neil Pope Planning Inspector,

Ref: Courtlands Cross Development Appeal.

Dear Sir,

Request to speak in support of Lympstone Parish Council and residents.

Over the years I have seen many changes; I have memories as a boy of fishing with Douglas Litten our oldest surviving fisherman with some 15 shops in this village at the time. We now have a local Londis store, Post Office, Hairdressers, Drs.Surgery and we are very fortunate to have them.

On the leisure front we have a Cafe, 4 Pubs the Cycle track and the important Rail link.

I have spent most of my 82 years in the village and served the community in many capacities i.e. Parish Council 20years, District and Exmouth Town Councillor, School Governor, Britain in bloom chair, Youth club treasurer and the Lympstone Landowners Association chairman.

This qualifies me to speak for our community and how we wish to see the village develop.

The Parish Council and members of the public have worked and agreed with East Devon District Council on the way forward.

Cllr. R.Longhurst and I have made a presentation to the Local Development Framework Panel and worked to agree that we can meet the target of 50 houses as required for a Hub village and a sustainable community. This can be achieved within the village development boundaries with some limited adjustment to the North and South boundaries of the village as agreed and minuted in the LDF villages and rural areas development paper Oct.11th 2011. The proposed development is outside the existing settlement by 1.4 miles and will identify with Exmouth which is contrary to the Lympstone Parish Plan and against the wishes of the community.

Therefore I am objecting for the following reasons.

Not in keeping with the preferred policy approach.

Will not add to the sustainability of the existing village community.

The area is subject to local surface flooding.

Will not benefit the retail or social facilities or existing medical care.

Courtlands Lane is only a single track and is already almost impossible to navigate at peak times and addition the national Cycle track has become very popular and I anticipate this will increase in cycle traffic through the area.

I appreciate being able to present this to you on behalf of the community.

Cllr.Richard Eastley
Vice Chairman Lympstone Parish Council.