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Comment

We would like to express our following views in relation to the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan.

The area shown on the plan covers a vast area of Sweetham affecting everyone living in that area. Developing large areas of land will have the following effects:

1. The road infrastructure could not cope with any more traffic. There are already access and speeding problems on the A377 and Station Road, especially the latter. The lanes around Sweetham do not allow for any additional traffic, not only are they very narrow in places but when problems on the A377 they become very congested with traffic using them as a diversion.
2. The destruction of vast swathes of prime agricultural and environmentally friendly land.
3. As already acknowledged a large part of this land is also within the flood plain.
4. The loss of the wildlife currently to be found in the area e.g. deer, otters, buzzards, sparrow hawks, kingfishers.
5. A new school has just been built. This would presumably not be able to cope with the additional pupils the extra houses would bring. An additional 1200 houses could possibly generate an additional 4-5,000 people at an average of 4 persons per household, the current village would lose its identity.
6. Surely monies held by MDDC received from the current residents of this area should be used for their benefit. The current aftermath of COVID19 should take priority over the future.