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IEWS: Hethersett
people discuss the
housing plans.

ARE WE BEING SWAMPED?

PLANS outlining how many new homes could be built and what the future could look like in Wymondham and Hethersett have been put on show for the first time.

Three thousand new homes are proposed for north-east Wymondham as part of a major development that would create 2,500 jobs and include two new primary schools together with a dedicated sixth form college and pre-schools, while 1,000 to 4,000 new homes are planned in Hethersett.

In Wymondham councillors have already pledged to fight the greenfield development put forward by London-based planning consultant Barton Willmore, which pre-empts the final approval of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership Joint Core Strategy, which has earmarked 2,200 homes for Wymondham by 2026.

Among those visiting the public exhibition in Wymondham were Ken and Pamela Baker from Downham Crescent in the town.

Mr Baker said: "We're not happy. Our immediate reaction is why build homes on lovely countryside. We feel this development could swamp the whole town and take all its character away."

Martin Wynne, chairman of South Norfolk Council's planning

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Are these extra homes
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committee, who also attended, said: "We accept that Wymondham has to grow, but these proposals alone would see a 50pc increase in the number of homes in the town."

However, Lee Newlyn, partner at Barton Willmore, said an increased population would regenerate the town centre.

He added: "The government has said Wymondham needs these homes and we think it's a good location for it. You cannot put 33,000 new homes in the Norwich area without changing some of the character within that area."

Meanwhile new development at Hethersett could take the form of a series of hamlets incorporating green areas, a meeting at the high school was told on Tuesday.

The increase in housing is part of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership's Joint Core Strategy for Hethersett and the consultation

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