

Thorncombe wins new homes fight

Residents of a small West Dorset village have won their fight to stop a major house building plan.

Thorncombe was threatened by proposals which could have doubled the size of the village.

But planners have decided to put a limit on the number of new homes to be built.

West Dorset District Council's Development and Planning Committee set tight restrictions on Thorncombe after residents strongly objected to a scheme to build 100 new homes in the village.

Problems with the sewer meant new works needed to be built before it could cope with a major new estate.

Chief planning officer Des Derrien said improvements to the drainage system were the responsibility of the South West Water Authority.

Councillors were keen that talks between the authority and the council should take place to try and sort out the sewerage problems.

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