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Planning Policy  
East Devon District Council  
Knowle  
Sidmouth  
EX10 8HL

Dear Sir/ Madam

**EAST DEVON VILLAGES PLAN MAIN MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION  
REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN RESPECT OF LAND AT HEATHFIELD MANOR, HONITON**

This representation letter is submitted in response to the main modifications made to the East Devon Villages Plan. Having reviewed the main modifications the previous points raised by Gleeson Strategic Land 'Gleeson' during the earlier consultation on the plan remain. This representation letter is therefore submitted to reiterate the previous comments made.

Gleeson are still of the opinion that the Villages Plan is unnecessary and is therefore as a whole not consistent with achieving sustainable development. The Plan is also not justified because it is not the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives, such as focusing on delivering more development at the larger settlements, where there are suitable, available and deliverable sites..

For example in Honiton, Land at Heathfield Manor, Honiton, which was previously promoted through the 2012 SHLAA referenced as sites E156 and E026, remains available for residential development. The sites are deliverable within the first 5 years of the plan period and are well placed adjacent to the settlement providing a good opportunity for sustainable development. Whilst there is land available at the larger settlements such as Honiton these should be developed first in preference to enabling any additional development at the smaller and inherently less sustainable villages.

Yours faithfully

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