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To: Planning Policy
Subject: Neighbourhood Planning

I am writing in reply to your e mail regarding modifications to the East Devon Villages Plan, recently forwarded to me rather than received directly, to object to the proposal to allow the District Council to override the wishes of the local community.

The residents of East Budleigh, and presumably other East Devon villages, have given much time and effort during a long consultation period to producing a worthwhile and sustainable Development Plan that the residents as a whole are happy with. The result of having a such a Village Plan should be that the community feels empowered to have taken control of its own future. It is therefore distressing to read, on Page 2 Ref A1of the Built-up Area Boundary Assessment, that “by exception” the District Council can decide where development can be permitted, rather than respecting the well-researched decision of the local community. Strategy 35, saying that development can be permitted outside such a boundary goes against the whole ethos of the Village Plans.

This clause, however it is used, disregards the considered and democratic wishes of the communities who have worked hard to produce their Village Plans, and should be removed.

Yours faithfully

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