

Examination of the New East Devon Local Plan 2006-26

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Dear Mr Marchant,

Thank you for your letter of 7 April and for drawing my attention to the proposed deletion of the Sidford allocation agreed at the Council meeting of 26 March 2015.

As you say the examination was only suspended in order to allow the Council to produce additional evidence regarding housing numbers and gypsies and travellers. The Council has now produced new evidence and proposes changes to the Local Plan. These changes and the evidence supporting them are to be the subject of consultation and the Council proposes to take this opportunity to consult on other proposed changes.

There is nothing to prevent the Council from suggesting changes to the Local Plan at examination. However, as stated in the guidance notes issued at the start of the examination: *'The Council cannot itself now make any further changes to the Local Plan and any further changes can only come about through a recommendation made in the Inspector's report'*. The Sidford allocation is part of the plan submitted for examination and can only be deleted from this Local Plan if I recommend that it be deleted.

I did not seek additional evidence on the Sidford allocation or any other matters not referred to above. I can confirm that I am satisfied that, unless there are relevant new matters that I am unaware of, I have the evidence I need to come to a conclusion on the soundness of the proposed employment allocation at Sidford.

The proposed change will be subject to consultation and you will be able to make representations on the proposed deletion of the allocation. However, again, unless there are significant new developments that I am unaware of, I do not propose at this time to hold another hearing to discuss the proposed Sidford allocation.

Yours faithfully

A Thickett

Inspector

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