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East Devon District Council
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Dear Sir / Madam

**Honiton:
Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area**

I write with comments on behalf of my client, Gleeson Developments Ltd, which has a land interest on the edge of Honiton parish.

It is understood that Honiton Town Council has applied for the designation of the parish of Honiton as a neighbourhood plan area. The application form notes that ongoing discussions are expected to be had with Gittisham, a neighbouring parish.

An obvious point to be made about the proposed neighbourhood area boundary is that much of the western part of the built up area of Honiton lies within Gittisham Parish and falls outside of the proposed neighbourhood plan area.

The historic boundary with Gittisham Parish now appears somewhat arbitrary given the westward expansion of the town, and means that nearly half of residents in the Heathfield area would not be able to vote on referendum for a neighbourhood plan that affects the town in which they live. Perversely, some neighbours on the same street would be included in the neighbourhood plan area, others not.

It is considered that a more logical boundary for the neighbourhood plan would include those properties within the continuous built up area of the town, and also reflect the recent further approval of homes west of Hayne Lane. Nevertheless it is appreciated that, ultimately, this is mainly a matter for the residents themselves and these comments are intended only as observations to inform the process.

I confirm that we would like to be updated further on this process.

Yours faithfully

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