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Dear Sir/Madam,

We have been made aware of the above the Neighbourhood plan out for consultation and due to major threats to sports provision in the locality, The FA would wish to comment as follows:

The FA support the protection of existing playing field land in-line with NPPF Para 74 and Sport England policies, where a robust evidence base is available to support the retention. There is a Council adopted Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) which looks at each site on an individual basis and recommends a suggested action of which The FA have supported and agreed to. Specifically for the sites noted in the plan:

Winslade Park, the PPS highlights the need to retain this site for sport of which The FA agree on. In the document:

- *Pg 31 – 11.6 – No mention of Winslade Park (House)*
- *Policy BiC13 – does not make reference to Winslade Park (House)*
- *Pg 46 – 15.7 – specifically mentions Winslade Park (House). It does not provide a position from the NP working group, just states that the sports clubs have a continuing need for the facilities – is the policy to retain the current sports facilities or accept the compromise?*
- *15.9 shows 97% of the local residents would wish to see the sports facilities preserved for recreational use*
- *15.10 – Football was the priority sport to be retained*
- *15.13 – Shows the support to oppose the loss for development*
- *Policy BiC30 – Policy to increasing sports and recreation Opportunities*
- *It is unclear if the NP plan supports the compromise plans – some development to allow less facilities to be provided, but with the quality of the proposed facilities improved? The FA would support the PPS in retaining all land for sport.*

Clyst Valley - *Pg 45 – 15.4 – Mentions the need for an additional pitch and improved changing facilities for the football club – The FA would support this and follows the PPS action plan.*

Exeter City FC – Clifford Hill Training Ground .The FA support the clubs wish to improve this site with additional facilities. It is unclear what level of community access there will be but The FA will be happy to work with the Football Club on this on the understanding that it is a key training site for a professional football club.

Kind regards

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