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Good Morning East Devon Local Planning Consultation Team,

1. We wish to make a comment on the East Devon Local Plan following a visit we made to the Seaton Gateway consultation on 15 December 2022.

2. As you may be aware, the EDDC Full Council endorsed a recommendation to establish a new Colyford Parish Council following a 14 month Community Governance Review (CGR) on 7 December 2022. This new Parish Council will be launched on 1 April 2023 and the EDDC Reorganisation Order is expected to be published by end of January 2023. For information, details of the CGR outcome and boundary for the new Parish Council are at link:

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/media/3725008/notice-of-outcome-colyford-parish-council.pdf>

3. On examination of the maps and detailed Local Plan, it was clear that Colyford was positioned as a rural area “sandwiched” between Seaton and Colyton. In reality, Colyford is an ancient and historic Borough on the edge of the Wetlands with a rich history dating back to the 13th century. Consequently, any proposals for new residential housing developments in the Local Plan were envisaged as part of the former Town Council areas without consideration of the requirements for Colyford Village. Clearly, the Local Plan should be updated to show the new Colyford Parish Council and its boundary as a separate “entity”. Furthermore, the Local Plan should consider any new residential developments in the context of the Colyford “green wedges”, which separate the Colyford Community from the neighbouring towns of Seaton and Colyton thus preserving an example of an historic Borough in East Devon.

4. Given the above, would you please amend the Local Plan to include the establishment of the new Colyford Parish Council as an entity in the Strategic overview along with an appropriate map with details of the new boundary of Colyford and its appropriate “green wedges”.

5. Lastly, perhaps you would acknowledge receipt of this email confirming our comment on the East Devon Consultation process for the Local Plan.

Best Regards,

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