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Dear Miss Rodway

RE: Consultation on the Draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document April 2017

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 'Draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document' April 2017. The County Council is responsible for the provision of some of the most critical infrastructure items required to support new development and therefore has a significant interest in the SPD and its relationship and interaction with the progress and implementation of CIL provisions in East Devon.

In particular, Devon County Council needs greater certainty than is given within the SPD regarding funding for the education provision required to mitigate development. This is partly achieved through the review of the Infrastructure Development Plan, but further clarification within the SPD would be welcomed. This could be achieved through an amendment of paragraph 5.2 to clarify that development will still be required to contribute to education (and strategic transport matters) through CIL provisions.

With regard to flood risk and surface water management, reference within the SPD to "Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems" should be amended to 'Sustainable Drainage Systems'. Additionally, it would be helpful for the table under paragraph 5.2 to make reference to Devon County Council's Sustainable Drainage Guidance (Sustainable Drainage Systems: Guidance for Devon). The guidance can be found here: https://new.devon.gov.uk/floodriskmanagement/sustainable-drainage/).

The discussion within paragraph 6.29 surrounding judgement of priorities should, alongside mention of the documents to which Planning Officers will have regard when making funding decisions, also make mention of the recently updated IDP and the priorities set out within and agreed through the update.

As raised in Devon County Council's previous consultation response, the use of the term 'strategic transport improvements' requires further explanation as to what the term is intended to encompass (and therefore what is covered by CIL and what may be requested under S106). Similarly, there is still no mention made of other

infrastructure items for which the County Council has responsibility (including libraries, youth provision and health).

Yours sincerely,

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