

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF FENITON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Mr Twamley and Mr Smith

FENITON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

I am making good progress with my examination of the Feniton Neighbourhood Plan, but have two queries for you before I conclude my report. I would be most grateful if you would comment on these two matters.

Firstly, the list of Local Green Spaces in Appendix 2 ends with the Bowling Club, old Feniton. The final sentence states that "Inclusion is subject to discussion with landowner". As you will be aware, the Planning Practice Guidance advises that the qualifying body should contact landowners at an **early stage** (my emphasis) about proposals to designate any part of their land as Local Green Space (see paragraph reference ID: 37-019-20140306). Also, this site is not included on the map on Page 23. It would assist me to know whether progress has been made in these discussions and, if not, whether the Bowling Green should be treated as a potential future Local Green Space? I note that a five year review of Fenton's Neighbourhood Plan is referred to on Page 9. Perhaps its designation could be reconsidered then? It would be helpful to know the views of the Parish and District Council before reaching a conclusion.

Secondly, the second bullet in Policy H2 concerns affordable housing and who might be eligible for it. Policy H2 expects a close relationship to the Parish, but this seems to me to be out of general conformity with paragraph 16.29 of East Devon's Local Plan. That indicates that regard should be had for affordable housing needs in surrounding parishes. It identifies a group comprising Buckerell, Gittish and Feniton parishes. My inclination is to propose a modification to Policy H2 accordingly. Again, it would be helpful to know the views of the Parish and District Council before reaching a conclusion.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure that a copy of this letter, and any respective responses, are placed on the Local Authority and Parish Council websites.

If possible, could the Parish and District Council's provide a joint response to my queries as soon as practicable?

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

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