

**From:** Paul Arnott  
**Sent:** 03 February 2014 21:32  
**To:** ProgrammeOfficer  
**Subject:** RE: Hearing 14 Axminster 4th march - Rep 6150 - UNCLASSIFIED:

Dear Mr Thickett,

Thank you for your response of the 15<sup>th</sup> January.

It is sad to see that apparently you subscribe to the devious activities of the District Council in allocating green belt land without going through the proper planning or consultation process.

I am assured that it is perfectly within your powers to address the tragic implications of further development on the west side of Town , particularly when the infrastructure issues raised by the Town Council are not being addressed.

Are you aware of the criminal investigation being conducted into the workings of EDDC planning practices. ?.

Could I respectfully ask that you reconsider your intention to limit the scope of your enquiry and entertain other development options open to Axminster which would actually benefit the Town.

Sincerely.

Paul Arnott.

**From:** Thickett, Tony  
**Sent:** 04 February 2014 10:50  
**To:** ProgrammeOfficer  
**Subject:** RE: Hearing 14 Axminster 4th march - Rep 6150 - UNCLASSIFIED:

Dear Mr Arnott,

I have reviewed your representations. Given that they do not allege any discrepancies with regard to the Local Plan consultation exercises, I presume your remark regarding 'proper planning and consultation processes' refers to the decision to grant planning permission for Cloakham Lawns. As I have indicated previously, that is outside the scope of this examination.

The first question on the agenda for the Axminster hearing asks whether the quantum of development planned is appropriate. Question 2 introduces the spatial element by asking whether the allocations (other than the already permitted development at Cloakham Lawns) are appropriate. Question 3 relates to infrastructure. To my mind these will draw out the information I need to consider whether the plan is sound.

With regard to other development options the only duly made representation which suggests an alternative site for development in Axminster is that listed on agenda at Chard Road.

I am not aware of any investigations being conducted into planning practices at East Devon District Council.

Yours faithfully

*A Thickett*

Inspector

**From:** Matthew Dickins  
**Sent:** 05 February 2014 16:38  
**To:** ProgrammeOfficer  
**Subject:** FW: Hearing 14 Axminster 4th march - Rep 6150 - UNCLASSIFIED:  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr Thickett

I can advise that to my knowledge, and of relevance to examination of the local plan, there is no “criminal investigation being conducted into the workings of EDDC planning practices”.

I can advise that the decision to grant planning permission at the Cloakham Lawns site was subject to judicial review but as I understand matters this challenge has now been concluded and the courts have found in favour of East Devon District Council.

Matthew Dickins  
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