

Examination of the New East Devon Local Plan 2006-26

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Dear Mr Dickens,

As you know the examination of the New East Devon Local Plan 2006-26 began on submission on 2 August.

The submission documents include a Proposed Submission (Publication) version of the Plan¹ and a schedule of proposed minor publication changes to the Plan approved by the Council on 18 July 2013². I presume it is the latter version you wish me to consider but I would welcome your confirmation of this.

I note that the Council considers the proposed changes to be minor and not significant enough to justify additional consultation. Attached as Appendix 1 is a list of changes I do not consider can be described as minor as they either, in my view, introduce significant new material or result in significant changes to the way policy would be applied. I do not consider that the extent of consultation on the proposed changes (as set out in the committee minutes included in CD/SD002) complies with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement³ or regulation 18 of the Town and Country (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012.

Consequently, I do not consider that it would be in the interests of natural justice for me to consider the proposed changes unless they are subject to consultation in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement and the Regulations. It is a matter for you but it may be prudent to consult on the all the changes set out in CD/SD002.

I look forward to hearing from you with regard to the above and, should you wish me to base my examination on the Plan as amended in CD/SD002, a timetable for consultation.

Yours faithfully

A Thickett

Inspector

¹ Core Document CD/PD001

² CD/SD002

³ CD/SD008

Appendix 1

List of changes set out in CD/SD002 not considered to be minor

1. Amendments to table and new text after paragraph 2.7
2. Key Issue and Objective 14
3. Paragraph 6.3
4. New text after paragraph 6.6
5. Table after paragraph 6.10
6. Strategy 2
7. Paragraphs 6.14, 6.15 & 6.16
8. Strategy 5
9. Strategy 6
10. Paragraph 7.13
11. Strategy 10
12. Paragraph 7.19
13. Strategy 12
14. Paragraph 7.32
15. Strategy 13
16. Strategy 20
17. Strategy 22
18. Strategy 23
19. Strategy 24
20. Strategy 25
21. Changes to 'Our vision for Sidmouth is one of:'
22. Strategy 26
23. Changes to 'Our vision for smaller towns, villages and the countryside is one of:'
24. Strategy 27
25. Strategy 29
26. Paragraph 16.8 & Strategy 30
27. Strategy 31
28. Strategy 34
29. Paragraph 16.26 & Strategy 35
30. Strategy 36
31. Strategy 38
32. Paragraph 17.17 & Strategy 39
33. Strategy 42
34. Strategy 43 & paragraph 18.15
35. Paragraph 18.17
36. Strategy 45
37. Strategy 46
38. Paragraph 18.79
39. Strategy 47
40. Strategy 49
41. Strategy 50
42. Policies D1, D3, D7 & D8
43. Policies EN2, EN7, EN8, EN9, EN10, EN11, EN12 & EN24
44. Policy H1 and changes to allocated sites
45. Paragraphs 23.4 & 23.5
46. Policies H4, H5 & H7
47. Policy E1 and changes to allocated sites
48. Policies E3, E4, E6 (deletion) E7 & E8
49. Policy RC2
50. Policy TC9
51. Paragraphs 27.52 & 27.53
52. Appendix B, definitions of Largescale and Smallscale Major Developments
53. Appendix C