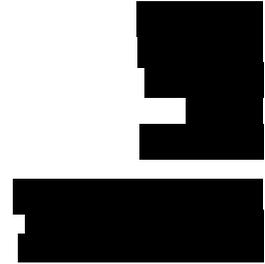


From: Thickett, Tony
Sent: 20 December 2013 10:03
To: ProgrammeOfficer
Subject: RE: Save Our Sidmouth letter - UNCLASSIFIED:

Amanda,
Please inform Mr Hopkins that I will consider his request to attend session 4 on receipt of the Council's submissions.

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Amanda Polley
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Our Ref:CVH/SOS

20 December 2013

Dear Ms Polley,

RE: East Devon Local Plan – Examination in Public.

I continue to act for Save Our Sidmouth (SOS). I write regarding a document entitled “Status of Land Allocations in the East Devon Local Plan”, submitted by EDDC.

The document states, referring to a previous planning application (12/1847/MOUT) to develop The Knowle, that;

“The planning application was refused. The principle of residential use was not opposed, but the full extent of the development site was opposed.”

I have been instructed to draw to the attention of the Inspector the reasons for refusal in order to avoid any doubt as to the status of land at The Knowle.

Reason for refusal 2 refers to the “loss of a large area of employment land....It has not been demonstrated that all options for the retention of the site for employment uses have been fully explored or that there is a surplus of employment land in the locality. It is therefore considered that the proposed development would be contrary to the requirements of Policy E3 (Safeguarding Employment Land and Premises) of the adopted East Devon Local Plan.”

On a separate but related point, my clients are grateful for the Inspector’s agreement that we may attend hearing sessions 3, 6 & & of the forthcoming Examination in Public.

My clients however continue to have concerns regarding certain proposed policies which will be considered during the hearing session on Employment due to take place on 13 February 2014, in particular proposed policies E1 (Provision of Employment Land) and E3 (Safeguarding of Employment Land).

We understand that EDDC will be producing a paper on Employment issues for the EiP by 10 January 2014, and we have been advised by EDDC that the only opportunity to comment on such will be at the EiP itself.

Given this, I would be grateful if the Inspector would give his further agreement to our attending hearing session 4 on Employment issues.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

CHARLIE HOPKINS