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To: ProgrammeOfficer
Subject: FW: Exmouth Residents & Traders - UNCLASSIFIED:

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Thank you for forwarding the letter and associated papers submitted to you for the attention of Mr Thickett, the Inspector conducting examination into the East Devon Local Plan.

I have reviewed the letter and papers submitted by the Exmouth Residents and Traders Association (formerly Exmouth Residents Association). The comments and the report explicitly relate to the Exmouth Masterplan and its production. The Local Plan does cross-reference to the Masterplan work, notably in Chapter 10. In Strategy 22 the Local Plan identifies land along the waterfront on which mixed use developments, that could include proposals in the Masterplan, would in principle be permitted.

There are therefore linkages and overlaps between the Local plan and the Exmouth Masterplan but it is critical to recognise that they are separate documents that were produced apart from one another. The Masterplan was extensively consulted upon, completed and endorsed by this Council before the publication stage of consultation and submission of the Local Plan. The Local Plan was therefore drafted to reflect on and refer to a policy document that had completed its formal consideration and endorsement by this Council.

When projects arising from the Exmouth Masterplan have or do come forward for outline and/or detailed planning applications, a full pre-application consultation process has been or will be organised by the Council's Regeneration Team, ensuring that the residents of Exmouth have the opportunity to comment. Exmouth Residents and Traders Association is among the groups that have responded to such project consultation exercises.

I do not consider that the letter and accompanying paperwork raise concerns that are relevant to the soundness of the Local Plan.

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