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Dear Planning Policy team,

I apologise for not wanting to navigate your specific web site questions.

This is my response:

Comments on **Draft East Devon Local Plan** – Jan 2023
By Angela Willes, resident of Seaton.

I am pleased that an increasing importance is being placed by EDDC on addressing the Climate Crisis in its policy making. I think it's imperative though that planning authorities go further in this direction through land use planning.

In the same way that housing sites are being identified and evaluated, which has been common practice for decades; as a matter of urgency the Local Plan must call for land, to identify sites, for renewable energy installations and harvesting.

This is even more important to do when we consider the steeply rising interest within communities for investing in individual and community led renewable energy sources; And the resistance of Central Government to lead the way and make radical changes to our Country's energy economy.

The biggest hurdle to community led schemes is often not the raising of the finance to embark on a scheme locally, it is the length of time taken and difficulty in finding suitable and available land to launch a proposal and get planning permission. The permissions must be in place before the idea is muted widely to a community or indeed any energy development company. We need to identify permissible sites for solar, wind and other renewable sources mentioned.

The Local Plan is surely the road to tapping into huge opportunities available in our District area. It is also attractive in that the ongoing energy supplies will be cheaper and controlled more locally, making the population more resilient to change and crisis.

I believe that the Local Planning Authority could be making a significant contribution in this way. Please could it be embedded into our current re-drafting of the Local Plan.

I was once of the opinion that our landscape and architecture were more important than changing our energy sources. I now know that the soil beneath our landscape is a million times more important and our architecture little more than icing on a rotten cake. We must act now.

Kind regards

Angela

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