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Dear Angela,

I have been living in Luppitt for over 30 years and I wish to make the following comments/recommendations with regard to the Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan.

**1. Regarding the Natural Environment section, I wish to make the following points:**

Landowners who maintain the hedgerows in and around Luppitt are now using larger tractors and machinery. The tractors are too big to use in many of the narrow lanes here, leading to our Devon banks and hedgerows being decimated, and causing an adverse impact upon the natural environment and habitat for many species' survival.

Modern machinery, being larger, faster and more powerful is not automatically relevant, or fit for purpose in and around Luppitt. Surely, an easy solution is to use a smaller tractor - more appropriate and acceptable - to fully mitigate such adverse impacts and deliver a net gain in the biodiversity of our local habitats.

Management of our hedges should be carried out more mindfully and sympathetically, reducing excessively tight trimming. This would encourage and establish a greater habitat, with a larger variety of plants and wildlife. Farmers and other land managers need to work together to conserve and enhance our hedgerows for the benefit of ALL our local wildlife. It's not just about birds and their nests.

**2. Protecting the Natural Environment**

You only have to stand outside at night to see there are many properties in and around the village that have extremely strong lights on all night. Given that Luppitt is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, I feel there ought to be something in the Neighbourhood Plan that encourages local people to protect our natural environment by promoting the importance of dark skies; and incentivising people to adopt more appropriate night-time lighting, in their homes, and on farms and out-buildings around the village.

**3. Change of Use / new developments**

I think priority must be given to young people who were born in Luppitt and grew up here, so that they can afford to buy somewhere to live in the village. And also priority must be given to the elderly who have lived here all their lives and wish to remain in the village, where shared community spaces will enhance and facilitate easier communal support for their independence.

Yours Sincerely

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