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Dear Mary

Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan Examination

Further to your questions regarding the above set out in your letter dated 24th May 2022, I am pleased to provide the East Devon District Council response to questions 1, 2 and 19. I would stress at the outset that this response comprises the views of officers and has not been subject to member consideration.

Question 1

Would EDDC confirm that its views and comments on the LNP are those contained in the Report to Cabinet 4 May 2022?

Yes, that is correct. The [minutes](#) (see Minute 222) of the meeting published on our website confirm that it was agreed by Members that the comments at paragraph 1.20 of the report constitute our comments on the Submitted plan.

Question 2

Please advise as to the current position in respect of the review of the Local Plan.

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Following a review of the adopted Local Plan in 2020, the decision was taken to embark on the process of preparing a new replacement Local Plan for East Devon. This work is still in the early stages.

An Issues and Options consultation ran from January to March 2021, alongside an initial Call for Sites. An early working draft Local Plan document for discussion was then taken to Members via our [Strategic Planning Committee in December 2021](#). Discussions continued over the course of several meetings. Since then Officers have continued to work primarily on evidence gathering and towards taking a proposed first draft for public consultation back to Members in October, taking on board their earlier comments. If this is agreed, a first public consultation will follow shortly after.

Please note that overall we are working to a tight timetable, with a view to the new Local Plan being submitted for examination in early 2024. This however remains under constant review and subject to change.

Question 19

Please advise as to whether the preparation and content of the LNP has had regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act 1998.

This question was considered by Officers as part of our Legal Compliance Assessment of the Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan Submission. Officers concluded that, "The Neighbourhood Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act 1998." We would add that from supporting the Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan Group during the preparation of the Plan, we are aware that significant endeavours were made with the intention of encouraging engagement and inclusion, including the use of a variety of methods to reach residents in response to the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic. A copy of the [Legal Compliance Assessment](#) is enclosed and is also available on our website.

I hope this is of assistance and answers the questions fully.

Yours sincerely

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