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**Ref:** East Devon draft Local Plan

**Officer:** Michael Garrity



VIA Email

Dear East Devon District Council,

### **RE: Consultation on the East Devon Local Plan**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals within the draft of the East Devon Local Plan.

Dorset Council consider that the proposals are unlikely to have a significant impact on Dorset and therefore are broadly supportive of the draft Local Plan. However, there are close links between the eastern parts of East Devon and the western parts of Dorset which cannot be ignored particularly around Lyme Regis and Uplyme.

Lyme Regis is very constrained both through designations (such as the AONB) and through land instability. As such, limited opportunities exist at the town to meet its needs both for employment space and for homes. There should be consideration of the opportunities in the vicinity of Lyme Regis to help meet the needs of the constrained town. Sites well related to the town may have the potential to help meet its needs especially for affordable housing and these may be more suitable than sites within Dorset.

We welcome further opportunities to continue the dialogue as our local plans progress towards examination.

Yours sincerely,

  
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