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Sir,

I visited your drop-in consultation event at the Guildhall Axminster yesterday 1st December and have today read some of your plan on line.

In the main I think that the conclusions reached in 2017 when Chardstock completed the parish neighbourhood plan are still relevant today nearly 6 years on. There is an undeniable need for housing especially for East Devon residents when looking for their own homes where they work. I wonder if it would be possible for as well as making properties affordable there could also be a Covenant to protect them from purchase from outside the area as Council Homes used to have before Mrs Thatcher changed that.

Chardstock today has 20 or so more homes now which means at least one car per property as there is no transport system. It also means there has been a vast increase in delivery vans not to mention workmen employed in updating and improving properties. The Objective 9 prioritised walking and cycling as well as provision for charging for electric vehicles. The lanes giving access to the village are still as they were, single with banks and hedges. It is only the care taken by drivers that has made it possible for walkers especially those with children or dogs to walk safely. At present this means that the secure infrastructure necessary for any future development must be reviewed and undertaken before any development is planned.

The village as a collective has recently bought the Post Office and village shop with plans to extend when possible. There are many clubs and social events in the village hall and the school is well attended and go ahead. The residents have made Chardstock village what it is and the values are well set out as before said in the Neighbourhood Plan. Any changes must take their views into account.

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