

# Representations to East Devon District Council's Second Regulation 19 Local Plan

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Prepared on behalf of Devon Air Ambulance Trust

for Land at Treasbeare Farm Adjacent to Exeter  
Airport

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## 1. Introduction

1. McMurdo LPD Ltd (“McMurdo”) acts for Devon Air Ambulance Trust (DAAT) (‘Client’), which controls land at Treasbeare Farm adjacent to Exeter Airport (please see Appendix 1).
2. The Council knows that DAAT is a charity that raises funds to keep Devon’s air ambulances (helicopters) flying and to keep Devon’s supplementary fleet of Critical Care Cars responding.
3. DAAT flew its first mission on the 27th of August 1992 and is now clinically independent and holds its own Air Operators Certificate.
4. Funded by the people of Devon, DAAT ensures that specialist skills get to where they are required. In a rural county with a unique geography and demographics, its role cannot be understated.
5. It currently operates from several locations which makes it unnecessarily more difficult for it to function efficiently. Understanding this, for some time it has wanted to bring together all core charity functions under one roof.
6. Following an extensive search for employment land (it is nigh impossible to find employment land in Exeter and East Devon), the only suitable land that has been made available to it is at Treasbeare Farm immediately adjacent to its current building at Exeter Airport.
7. It is now in preapplication discussions with East Devon District Council (EDDC) Officers to deliver extensions to its existing building there in addition to ancillary uses (e.g green infrastructure, SUDS, parking) on this land.
8. Though delayed, DAAT will submit a planning application in Spring 2026 for extensions to its building at Exeter Airport, into land at Treasbeare Farm together with green infrastructure which will be better than is currently proposed in the

Local Plan and respectfully asks the Council to bear this in mind as its Local Plan progresses.

## 2. Our Client's Views on the Local Plan

### 1. Our Client:

- **Supports** the overarching gist of the Local Plan to deliver jobs and infrastructure in the right locations but guided by sustainability work;
- **Supports** the concept of the Clyst Valley Regional Park (CVRP) and the delivery of SANGS;
- **Objects** to the CVRP policy as drafted.

3. Strategic Policy WS09: Clyst Valley Regional Park

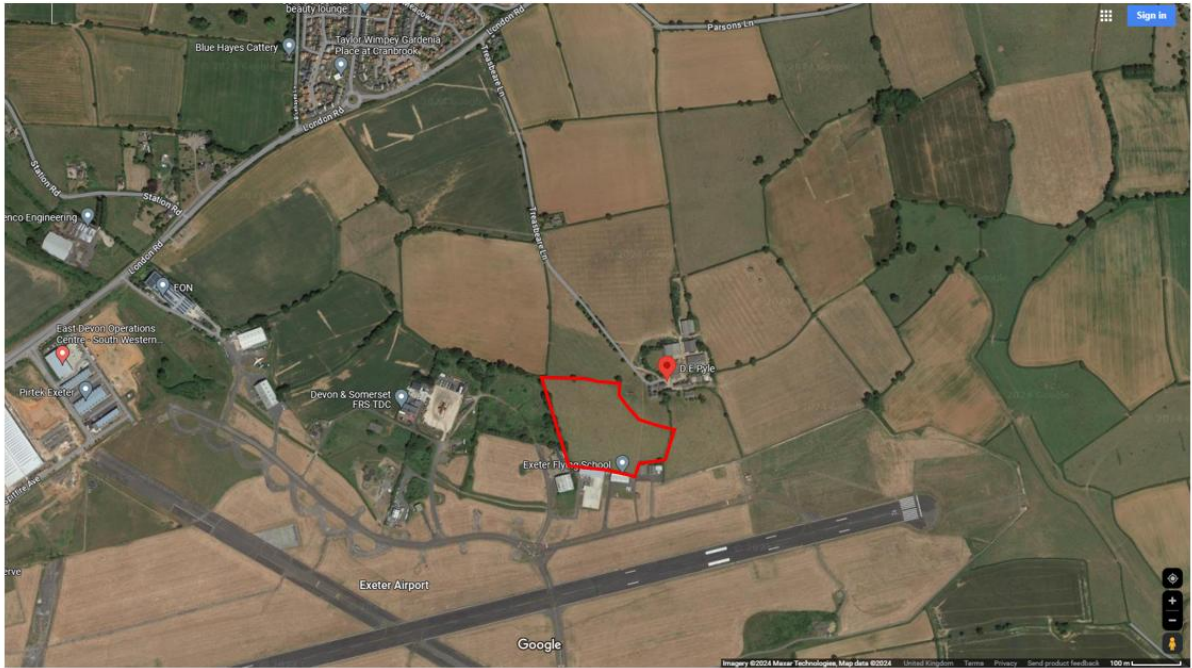
**Objection** (maintained)

**Reasons** (as per previous representations)

**Suggested Amendments Required**

- Amend the policy so that the CVRP can be delivered as part of development proposals at more intensive Masterplan stages, reviewed periodically.

Appendix 1 - Land at Treasbeare Farm Adjacent to Exeter Airport



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