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Organisation (where relevant): Devon & Somerset Gliding Club

Other party name (if relevant): -

Proposal: 14. Open Space and Sports and Recreation

1. To which part of the Open Space and Sports and Recreation chapter does your representation relate?: Paragraph

1(a). Please write down the paragraph, policy or figure number that your representation relates to.: 14.1

3. Do you consider that this part of the Open Space and Sports and Recreation chapter is sound?: No

3(b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Open Space and Sports and Recreation chapter is not sound. Please be as precise as possible.: The Devon and Somerset Gliding Club Ltd (DSGC) is a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, and is wholly owned by its members.

<https://www.dsgc.co.uk/>

The Club is managed on a volunteer basis under the direction of an annually-elected management committee. It has a lengthy history starting life as Taunton Vale Gliding Club at Dunkeswell Aerodrome, before changing name and then buying some farmland one mile to the west on the edge of the Blackdown Hills, and developing a glider site at North Hill airfield.

In 2019, our site, North Hill airfield, was designated by Sport England as a gliding National Significant Area for Sport (SASP). In fact, we are currently making plans to hold a National Gliding Competition at North Hill in July 2023. - this will be the 50th Anniversary of the Competition Enterprise having been inaugurated at North Hill in 1973.

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport/significant-areas-for-sport>

<https://www.compenterprise.uk/2023.html>

The DSGC is the largest Gliding club in the south-west peninsula with good facilities for a non-commercial club run by volunteers.

3(c). Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the Open Space and Sports and Recreation chapter sound, in respect of any matters you have identified above. You will need to say why each modification will make this part of the Open Space and Sports and Recreation chapter sound. It will be helpful if you are able to

put forward your suggested revised wording for the relevant policy or paragraph. Please be as precise as possible.: The DSGC Club Management find it very disappointing that no mention is made of the Club, its sporting activities, or site as a National SASP for Gliding in the new Draft East Devon Local Plan, and hope that this omission can be rectified.

Happy to be contacted for further discussion / visit if you wish.