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Full name: Honiton Town Council

Organisation (where relevant): Honiton Town Council

Other party name (if relevant):

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Proposal:

5. Development in the Towns and Villages

1. To which part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter does your representation relate?: Policy

1(a). Please write down the paragraph, policy or figure number that your representation relates to.: SD03

1(b). Does your comment relate to one of the changes listed above?: Yes

1(c). If the comment is related to a site, please state the site reference here.: Honi_12 and Honi_18

2. Do you consider that this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is legally compliant?: No

2(a). If yes, and you wish to support the legal compliance of this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter, please use this box to set out your comments.: Honiton Town Council supports the removal of Honi_12 from the site allocations in the draft Local Plan. Honi_12 provides amenity value to Honiton residents and is located within a National Landscape. A very well used public footpath goes through the site, which could not be replaced if the site was developed.

2(b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is not legally compliant. Please be as precise as possible.: Honiton Town Council reiterates its opposition to the inclusion of Honi_18. Honi_18 was referenced in the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 11 December 2024 as being one of the “changes that had been made to some local plan chapters to ensure greater consistency of approach throughout the document and to address matters on potential development allocation sites that had been agreed by Committee as previous meetings.” A search of the previous agendas and minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee has found no reference to Honi_18 at all. It is clear that EDDC failed to properly consult on the allocation of Honi_18 and therefore its inclusion in Strategic Policy SD03: Honiton and its development allocations is not legally compliant. Concerns were also raised about the proposed access to the site.

2(c). Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter legally compliant, in respect of any matters you have identified above. You will need to say why each modification will make this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter legally compliant. 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.:

Honi_18 should be removed as development sites from the Local Plan.

3. Do you consider that this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is sound?: No

3(b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is not sound. Please be as precise as possible.:

Honi_18 was referenced in the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 11 December 2024 as being one of the “changes that had been made to some local plan chapters to ensure greater consistency of approach throughout the document and to address matters on potential development allocation sites that had been agreed by Committee as previous meetings.” A search of the previous agendas and minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee has found no reference to Honi_18 at all. EDDC failed to properly consult on the allocation of this site and its inclusion in Strategic Policy SD03: Honiton and its development allocations is not legally sound. Members of the Planning Committee also raised concerns regarding the proposed access to the site.

3(c). Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages 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 Development in the Towns and Villages 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.: Honi_18 should be removed as development sites from the Local Plan.

4. Do you consider that this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter complies with the duty to cooperate?: No

4(b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.:

Honi_18 was referenced in the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 11 December 2024 as being one of the “changes that had been made to some local plan chapters to ensure greater consistency of approach throughout the document and to address matters on potential development allocation sites that had been agreed by Committee as previous meetings.” A search of the previous agendas and minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee has found no

reference to Honi_18 at all. EDDC failed to properly consult on the allocation of this site and its inclusion in Strategic Policy SD03: Honiton and its development allocations fails to comply with the duty to co-operate.

5. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?: Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

6. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary.: Honiton Town Council wishes to ensure that its objections are put to the Planning Inspector by a representative of the Council.