

17th December 2022

Dear Councillors

Public Consultation of proposed East Devon Structure Plan 2022

We feel the plan addresses many of the current population and environment problems in East Devon. However, tinkering with the problem will not resolve the issues. We feel there is a need to build a new town close to Exeter. The infrastructure, highways, school, hospitals etc. are there already to sustain such a development. This new development could provide all the affordable housing needed for years to come. Building small developments in villages will bring no long-term gain as it will not bring sufficient affordable housing.

Two of the proposed areas in East Budleigh are not suitable for development.

- 1- The area by the chapel would have access problems and is therefore unsuitable.
- 2- The area on the south side of Russell Drive (the paddock area) would have considerable access and egress problems. This area has been proposed previously for development. However, you will be aware the development has been refused on several occasions on the grounds of access/ visibility. Access would have to be on to the B3178 on a left-hand bend leaving East Budleigh at the summit of the hill when leaving East Budleigh. This area of land is also, I believe, Grade 1 agricultural land and I understand there are restrictions on developing on such land when it has not previously been allocated for development.

The paddock area could only be realistically developed if our property [REDACTED] was demolished, and access gained through our land/ bungalow. Naturally this could only be achieved if we were willing to sell and move.

We do understand our neighbours Mr and Mrs Kingham [REDACTED] will be sending a detailed letter which is far more comprehensive reply to the proposed structure plan than mine. Therefore, we ask that you read their letter in conjunction with our letter.

Kathy and Bruce Govett