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To: Totnes Town Clerk
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To Totnes town council,

Surely the Totnes Town Council and Southams Council and planning departments must give this proposal it's full support as it comes closer to answering all the policies set out in the development plan for local regeneration. As a retired architect I have not seen another scheme that addresses the Councils own policies so completely. All it needs is a willing authority to allow Atmos to set a great example so lacking in other single contractor lead developments in and around Totnes. Again this could be the trigger to set an example for community lead developments in and around the Southams. It is high time that land was made available for limited self build projects.

I am a Totnes resident and give this outline proposal my full support. Let's not have a repeat of the Southern area scheme which started well with a great public participation process, then to be hijacked by Southams Council and the vested interests. This produced a better scheme than originally proposed but falls well short of what could have been achieved if a greater mix of design inputs would have been allowed. We must do better and set an example as many organisations in Totnes have done despite regular authority obstructions.

It is time to step up and allow some risks and set out the legal and procedural framework for non classic delivery of the build environment with a good long term outcome for affordable housing. After all we are living in a time where Community Land Trusts are not a novel concept any longer. Lets get this project over the line and give it the support it deserves.

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