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I am writing to support the policy embedded in C12 – Former Dairy Crest Site.

For a long time the South Hams in general and Totnes in particular has lacked affordable housing opportunities for local people. The proposals in the policy would address, to some extent, this shortfall. This is much needed.

I also think the proposals would create a large number of employment opportunities for local people. One of the ongoing problems in the south west is the loss of talented young people due to the lack employment opportunities in the area. A vibrant hub of small businesses would help encourage young people to stay.

I also welcome the prospect of an arts and performance centre which would be appropriate for a place like Totnes, especially after the loss of the college at Dartington.

For many years before moving down here permanently I was a regular (almost weekly) visitor to Totnes and I always commented on the lack of hotel accommodation, so again the prospect of a decent sized hotel is most welcome.

As you can see I am fully supportive of the proposals embedded in C12

Yours truly,

Professor Martin Clarke