**Bridestowe and Sourton Neighbourhood Development Plan Examination**

**Request for further information and questions from the Examiner to West Devon Borough Council and Bridestowe Parish Council**

I have carried out a preliminary review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the evidence submitted in support of it and there are a few points where I need some clarification or further information. I would therefore be grateful if both Councils could assist me, as appropriate, in answering the following questions.

*Basic Conditions Statement*

On page 19 of the Basic Conditions Statement there seems to be an additional sentence at the end of paragraph 8.8 which states:

*8.2 It was determined by West Devon Borough Council that a Strategic Environmental Assessment was required. See attached report.*

This seems at odds with the rest of the text. Please can the Councils confirm whether this sentence is necessary and if any amendments are required?

*Housing Provision*

Paragraph 1.5.22 of the DNDP refers to two housing sites having been given planning consent In Bridestowe which contribute to the overall housing provision for the plan area of 30 dwellings. Please can the Councils confirm how many dwellings were granted planning consent and have been built? Similarly, have the 9 dwellings granted in Sourton and mentioned in para 1.5.20 also been built?

Policy H3 allocates two sites for residential development – site 4 and site 5. Please can the Councils confirm how many houses each site could accommodate?

On pages 36/37 there are three paragraphs 5.2.3, 5.2.4 and 5.2.5 which seem out of sequence with the rest of the chapter, so may be in the wrong location. I would be grateful for the Councils’ comments.

*Bridestowe Settlement Boundary*

I note that at the northern end of Bridestowe, the Village Hall and housing site 4 are included within the settlement boundary, but the cemetery is excluded. Was there a particular reason for this decision?

Thank you for your assistance with these questions. Once I have received your responses, I may need to ask for further clarification or further queries may arise as the examination progresses.

Please note that these questions and requests for information is a public document and the answers and any associated documents will also be in the public domain. Both my questions and the responses should be placed on the Councils’ websites as appropriate.

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