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To: Totnes Town Clerk
Subject: OCTOBER 2021 Totnes Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation on a New Policy: C12 – Former Dairy Crest Site

Dear TTC

In regards to the amendments of the C12 Neighbourhood Plan:

Both Totnes Town Council and South Hams District Council have declared a Climate Change crisis and Biodiversity (or Ecological) Emergency, and more recently SHDC declared a housing crisis. There the following points in the plan must be a must for our community:

- much-needed local housing - no more second homes and AirBnBs which are contributing to this crisis. I know of a couple of families on friends floors whose long term lets have been given over to either AirBnB or taking advantage of the inflated selling prices. They may have to take their kids out of school, leave their jobs and look outside of Totnes.
- affordable (really affordable for Devon wages) homes for local people for future generations, in perpetuity.
- local people to access homeownership and live in homes designed to meet their needs better designed, more sustainable and greener housing
- community cohesion - because it enables people to stay in their local area
- sensitive restoration and reuse of a significant heritage asset - the grade II listed Brunel Building - for the community and wider public
- mixed-use development to meet the needs of sustainable businesses
- increased employment and training opportunities
- sustainable transport development and use which will help ease the pollution problems on Station Road - not contribute to it.
- low carbon energy use and technical innovation
- critical flood risk mitigation for the town which looks at the town as a whole, not just the site, i.e. the water can be stopped at the Dairy Crest site only to be pushed further up or down the river to cause further flooding.
- sensitively responding to protecting and enhancing ecological habitats on and off site.

So in response to these points, I wholeheartedly support the changes which will have a huge impact on the town and future generations to come.

Kind regards

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