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Sent: 28 November 2021
To: Totnes Town Clerk
Subject: Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Totnes Council

Re C12 consultation

I am writing to give comments on the C12 consultation re Daircrest Site.

I support the need for a clear articulation of the development requirements for the Dairycrest site to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. The elements listed are in line with many aspects that are within the Atmos Development Plan that was voted upon and passed in a Town referendum and is referred to within the Joint Local Plan. I call on this plan and the areas outlined in the C12 consultation to be upheld in full without any watering down. I would like to see the listing of homes in this consultation document to go further and be listed as for rent and in perpetuity for Totnes Residents only. There is a social housing crisis and the Atmos Totnes development plan would fill a gap in the needs of the town and future generations. I would also like to see community ownership named as a pre requisite of development for the Dairycrest site which would ensure its viability and is a fundamentally different model of development that can economically benefit the site and Totnes for generations to come.

I worked with Encounters Arts to lead the creative consultation process for Atmos Totnes that involved thousands of people in having their say about the development of the site in order to meet the needs of Totnes and sensitively add to the development of the whole town. This work led into the masterplanning process which also involved the community at every stage. There is not a day that goes by when I do not think about all of the ideas, hopes, aspirations, needs that poured from the thousands of people who took part. The vision for Atmos Totnes of a place of care, connection, homes, jobs, culture, play, young people, wellbeing, opening up to our river is pioneering and the result of an in-depth co-design process. Totnes deserves this plan. It is imperative that the development of Atmos Totnes is named fully without compromise in the Neighbourhood plan.

Thank- you

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