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

I am writing in support of Policy C12 - Former dairy Crest Site.

This site and the elements of the C12 policy has been the subject of wide ranging consultation and support by the local community developed over the past decade following the significant loss of local jobs by the closure of the Dairy Crest facility.

The area is of extreme importance to the future sustainability and health of our town as a key part of the Northern Quarter and the communities wishes must be protected within the NP. This area situated alongside the mainline railway station which handles around 3/4 Million passengers a year, the key rail gateway to the South Hams; is also adjacent to the Industrial Estate, the riverside, the town's sports & leisure facilities and many key services such as Leatside.

The policy identifies the key elements for sustainable regeneration of the site including the restoration of the listed Brunel Building, much needed affordable homes for local people as the housing emergency continues to host our town, the essential and remaining part of the jigsaw in flood defences for the town, The underpinningr elements of a sustainable transport hub and low carbon energy generation are essential in reducing impact on the A386 AirQuality corridor.

A low cost hotel will be a major boost for the local night and day time economy with the art/culture centre providing a further draw. The ecological enhancement of the whole site will act as a cultural and economic showcase to all that Totnes and the South Hams offers. Finally, the opportunities for new sustainable businesses including much needed live/work units will produce further employment to the local community.

Kind Regards

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