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To: DPD
Subject: Masterplanning Consultation on the Northwest Cullompton Extension Stage 2

Dear Sirs

As a resident of Cullompton, I would like to record the following points relating to the plan:

1. As a patient at the Culm Valley Integrated Centre for Health I would like to register my support that space for a Community Health Garden be definitely allocated to the rear of the car park at the Centre. The space would provide an opportunity for members of the community to use the garden not only to relax in, but would also provide valuable space for people with various health issues such as diabetes, obesity, rehabilitation, etc and mental health problems to work in the garden which can only improve their general wellbeing. In the current, very small, garden area in the car park at the Health Centre, produce is sold to members of the public and the money raised used to purchase seeds, etc for the following year. With an increased area to grow vegetables this would enable more people to benefit from fresh produce and also to enjoy an area to sit and enjoy the flowers.

I understand that several members of the Council are also in favour of this project.

2. As I am sure other people have commented, the traffic problem in and around Cullompton is a continuing concern. I would like to see some firm commitment to provide the link road shown in the plan within the time scale mentioned. The Council must ensure that this timescale is adhered to and that the money to build it is forthcoming. I am also in favour of providing another junction off the M5 to further reduce the traffic in the Cullompton area as the town grows.

3. Can the Council please ensure that adequate provision is made to ensure drainage and flood prevention is provided as the development progresses.

4. Additional infrastructure needs to be provided to accommodate the additional number of people living in the new housing developments. There is mention of a new primary school, but when these children reach 11 years they will go on to secondary education. I understand that at present Cullompton Community College can accommodate more pupils, but provision will need to be made to extend the site or provide a 2nd secondary school to accommodate those coming through the primary schools as the development progresses.

5. The current doctor's surgeries are barely able to cope with the current number of residents in the area, let alone the number of extra patients once the development goes ahead. Provision of a further surgery should be considered essential and space should be allocated within the plan.

6. Can the Council please ensure that adequate parking is provided for new developments. Despite what regulations say, if 3,4 and even 5 bedroom houses are to be built, the number of parking spaces must be realistic for the number of occupants. If you have a family with 2 grown up children there is a probability of up to 4 cars per property.

7. The plan provides for a number of affordable houses. Can the Council please ensure that the number agreed on is not diluted by the developers if and when they come across problems in development as they are bound to. This has happened before when their expenses rise unexpectedly and they need to sell more houses to recoup additional costs.

8. Is there anyway of defining "affordable".

7. Who will pay for the upkeep of the new community facilities? Is this to be the responsibility of Mid Devon or Cullompton District Council? This could define the facilities provided.