

**30 Bouchier Close
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EX16 9AG**

11 March 2014

Dear Sir

Local Plan Review Options Consultation – Policy S14 Rural Areas in relation to Bampton

We would like to comment on the Local Plan Review in respect of the allocations for Bampton. Your policy S14 sets out that "development will be limited to proposals within their defined settlement limits" and allocations for "small scale housing, employment, tourism and leisure".

We do not think that the allocation of land north of Bouchier Close in Bampton sits comfortably within this definition and that the allocation should be removed from the plan. The scale of the development that such an allocation would bring about is out of proportion to Bampton and we are of the view that the only reason it was granted in the first place was the inclusion of employment land. Now that Bampton has been redesignated as a village then this allocation is inappropriate. There is currently a considerable amount of employment land available in Bampton and there is not a need for this site.

It is also outside the defined settlement limits and would mar the approach to Bampton from the north. The existing road network is not suitable for such significant development and the site itself is very steep and would be difficult to develop. We are happy to support the development of affordable housing for local residents and would not like Bampton to become an unaffordable village but this site is unsuitable in every way.

We hope that you will take these comments on board and remove the allocations north of Bouchier Close in paragraph 3.107 and 3.111 from the Local Plan.

Yours faithfully

Doug and Marjory Parish

