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of the South West's grandest waterway  
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Local Plan Review  
Mid Devon District Council  
Phoenix House  
Tiverton EX16 6PP

23rd March 2014

Dear Sirs,

I write on behalf of the Friends of the Grand Western Canal in response to the current Options Consultation as part of the Local Plan Review.

The Grand Western Canal is Mid Devon's most significant attraction with 250,000 visitors a year walking, cycling, boating, fishing and enjoying the wildlife along its 12 miles. The canal is also of national historical importance, having been the first to use vertical boat lifts, and is home to one of very few remaining horse-drawn barges in the UK.

The proposed development of Hartnoll farm could turn this historical rural idyll into an urban backwater. The Friends consider that, in accordance with your Policy S10 clauses (e) to (g), the environment around the Grand Western Canal should remain undeveloped to ensure that the people of Mid Devon and their visitors continue to enjoy the distinctive Mid Devon landscapes, environment and industrial heritage that the Grand Western represents.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Hodgson  
Chair, Friends of the Grand Western Canal