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The "Independent" review commissioned by Mid Devon District Council has failed to adequately address the expert representations made with respect to the selection of the SP2 Higher Town site in preference to other far more appropriate sites. The Schedule of Amendments does not reflect this. I believe that the improper inclusion of this unsuitable site in the plan renders the plan unsound.

The Council's illogical persistence in supporting incorrect advice given by their Planning Officers is worrying. The delay caused by the commissioning of this apparently pointless "independent" review has created a situation which may allow permission to be granted regardless of Local Plan adoption and the conditions included in it. The Inspector is urged to look very closely at this aspect of Mid Devon Planning Officer advice to Members. Representations already made by objectors have criticised actions and advice of Planners and decisions of Members. If the criticisms are found to be justified then appropriate investigation should be undertaken.

Regards,

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