

Planning Consultation (DPD)

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for forwarding the Design Guide and congratulations on producing such a comprehensive and wide ranging document.

My only comments are general rather than specific and result from seeing the results of recent domestic developments in Bradninch and Cullompton, plus commercial developments not only in Mid Devon, but also throughout the County.

With regard to the development of new housing estates in the area, it would seem that planning has concentrated on the theoretical desire to reduce the use of motor vehicles by limiting the "Off Road" parking opportunities for the new residents. The outcome has been that the new residents have not responded this influence and in many cases each household has two or more vehicles. The result being that "On Road" parking, particularly in out of work hours, is reaching hazardous proportions. In my view the Social Engineering involved in the limiting of individual parking has backfired and a better solution may be for Developers to provide additional off road parking, either per household or on separate land within the proposed development.

On the Commercial front I have noticed the development of Solar Farms on useful agricultural land across Devon, yet large commercial premises and large agricultural buildings are developed without panels. These buildings often have extensive roof areas and have little or no aesthetic value. Why is it not a stipulation that, if the commercial building is suitably aligned, it should be fitted with Solar Panels. Surely this is preferable to covering good land with unsightly panels, whilst still meeting the need for sustainable energy production and limiting the impact on our beautiful County.

Yours faithfully

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