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Dear Mr Dent

East Devon District Council meeting 10 April 2013

I refer to your question at the Council Meeting. I acknowledge that you have not yet had a reply to your earlier letter. This is because we have yet to carry out our initial assessment of the options available to the Council, let alone bring them before the Council for further debate. This work will start promptly when the Deputy Chief Executive leading the project returns from vacation.

We will endeavour to keep all interested members of the public aware of how this matter progresses.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Green

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I refer to your questions/demands at the Council Meeting. I think we first need to place what you said to Council in context. The Council's communications team was put to the time and trouble of responding to a press enquiry that was generated as a result of the publicity that you yourself courted. As we know this arose from what has proven to be your ill-conceived and unreasonable public criticism of two council officers. It was not a piece of proactive work on their part but a piece of work in response to an agenda and content that the local press were following up on your behalf. I do find it somewhat rum therefore for you to now be complaining about how the Council/the Local Press chose to deal with this. I am satisfied that the Council's response was appropriate and in view of the way in which you have gone about matters I think reference to a Council Spokesperson is a reasonable approach. No officer(s) should have to be exposed to unreasonable criticism by yourself. For this same reason I do not see that a meeting between yourself and the Communications team to discuss what is now a further complaint is either reasonable or necessary.

Yours sincerely

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Mr R Eley

By email

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Dear Mr Eley

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I refer to your question(s) at the Council Meeting. I think we are all aware of the complex procedural issues and content issues that the Council has to take on board in assessing how best to go forward with the Local Plan. I am aware that there have been many representations to the proposals in the Local Plan, both for and against the positions that you promote. I think we need to be mindful of two things in particular. The first is that we are dealing with a plan for the whole of the East Devon district and not just a plan for the town of Sidmouth. The second is that the Plan is a piece of work preparing and guiding us into the future, and it should not just be about protecting or enshrining everything that has happened in the past.

As regards the issue of changes to the Local Plan you will be aware that the basic principle is as referred to by the Planning Advisory Service which is that in some cases, development plan documents may require minor changes, for example, to improve legibility or ensure it is up to date. These are the kind of changes which could be made to a development plan document without consultation. It is envisaged that these minor changes could simply be listed as an attached schedule to accompany the development plan document when it is submitted to the Secretary of State. It will be a further matter however if the DMC wishes to delay progress on the Plan so as to carry out further periods of consultation if focused or extensive changes are required.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Paul Diviani
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