

Dear Mandy

I am responding to your draft comments as one of the two locally elected members for the Salcombe and Thurlestone Ward, and as Lead Member for Neighbourhood Planning at South Hams. As you are also aware, I am also the Lead Member for South Hams on the Joint Local Plan Steering Group. This group consists of two members from each of the three Councils involved in the Joint Neighbourhood Plan.

In this capacity I have been attending the Examination in Public and have been receiving daily updates from the proceedings. Steering Group Members are required to sign off any proposed modifications before the next EiP session begins. Please see below a modification to paragraph 3.17 and a new paragraph 3.18 of the Joint Local Plan, both of which were agreed. These are particularly relevant to the Thurlestone Neighbourhood Plan in regard to sustainable village networks and I trust they can be taken into account in the Council's response to the Regulation 16 consultation. The email has been edited to show the relevant paragraph only.

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Subject: OFFICIAL: Draft modifications we'd like to discuss with other parties - as directed by inspectors

See those highlighted in yellow only.

3.17 Figure 3.2 below sets out a series of measures that the LPAs will use in implementing Policy SPT2 and the other policies of the plan. The measures are aspirational, in the sense that they represent sustainability outcomes that are aspired to for an area. ~~However, they also represent standards that individual development proposals will be considered against, as part of the overall planning judgment.~~ ~~The measures are not intended to be applied through an inflexible 'tick box' exercise to determine the acceptability or otherwise of development, given that such an approach could restrict development that is fundamentally sustainable and makes a significant positive contribution to delivering the vision and strategy of the plan. However, the measures do contribute to the overall planning judgement, including the need for appropriate mitigation.~~ Some of these figures will be updated during the life of the plan. The most up to date standards will always be available in the evidence base documents informing the plan and the accompanying Supplementary Planning Documents.

New 3.18 It should be noted that the measures in Fig 3.2 do not relate to the sustainable villages of the TTV Policy Area. This recognises the more remote rural context of such settlements, which are characterised by limited provision of physical services and amenities, and may depend on a wider networks of villages to meet their wider service requirements. Local communities are able to produce evidence and develop local policies as part of their neighbourhood planning processes to support the delivery of sustainable development in these villages.

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