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Organisation (where relevant)

Diocese of Exeter

Chapter of the Exeter Plan

Chapter 15 - Infrastructure and facilities

1. To which part of this chapter does this representation relate? (Representations must be made on a specific policy or paragraph within the section and this should be specified in the below).

IF3: Community facilities (Strategic policy)

2. Do you consider that this part of the chapter is legally compliant?

Yes

2.a. If yes, and you wish to support the legal compliance of this part of the chapter, please use this box to set out your comments.

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2.b. If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the chapter is not legally compliant. Please be as precise as possible.

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2.c. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the chapter legally compliant, in respect of any legal compliance matters you have identified at 2.b above. You will need to say why each modification will make this part of the chapter

legally compliant. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for the relevant policy or paragraph. Please be as precise as possible.

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3. Do you consider that this part of the chapter is sound?

No

3.a. If yes, and you wish to support the soundness of this part of the chapter, please use this box to set out your comments.

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3.b. If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the chapter is unsound. Please be as precise as possible.

In relation to the provision of new community facilities in development areas, para. 15.22 states "working with our partners will be central to ensuring that essential infrastructure and facilities are provided". Policy IF3 states: "Development proposals for new or improved community facilities will be supported. Ongoing engagement in the development process should take place with local communities to ensure that needs are understood, planned for and met". These references are insufficient to constitute 'positive planning' (as per NPPF 97/98). The Planning Authority, to plan positively, should proactively consider the full range of appropriate community services and facilities for the area of development, including those that are 'non-essential' (ie not specifically statutorily required). It should also (as per para 15.22) explicitly commit to 'plan positively' in consultation with partner infrastructure organisations as well as local communities. This process needs to be carried out in respect of each of the strategic housing allocations.

3.c. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the chapter sound, in respect of any soundness matters you have identified at 3.b above. You will need to say why each modification will make this part of the chapter sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for the relevant policy or paragraph. Please be as precise as possible.

Amend Policy IF3 to state: "Ongoing engagement in the development process should take place with local communities and relevant infrastructure organisations to ensure that needs are understood, planned for and met."

4. Do you consider that this part of the chapter complies with the Duty to Co-operate?

Yes

4.a. If yes, and you wish to support this part of the chapter's compliance with the duty to co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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4.b. If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the chapter fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

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5. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

6. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

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