

P [REDACTED] Brown, Prospect Park Residents' Association for Exeter Plan hearing 5.3.26

Context of previously submitted comments – brief recap only

Comments submitted previously related to the Spatial Strategy and Liveable Exeter Principles, S2: I noted that the Exeter Plan cites the St James Neighbourhood Plan, a statutory document, as a key example of neighbourhood planning that allows an area to 'keep its distinct identity and continue to serve its citizens' needs'. I noted that an important feature of the neighbourhood plan, the principle of *community balance*, has been removed from the Exeter Plan, without consultation or explanation. I submitted a request that the principle of Welcoming Neighbourhoods within S2 should be modified to include an additional statement restoring this concept of community balance. As advised in the guidance I am not repeating the whole written submission here.

Submission focused on S2/Liveable Exeter for 5 March hearing, Matter 3, Q3 regarding Liveable Exeter and the St James Neighbourhood Plan:

1. What was the reason for removing the principle of community balance from the Exeter Plan S2 without consultation?
2. Does the City Council agree to reinstate this principle into the plan, and if not, why not?
3. Prospect Park residents note that the current Exeter Plan implies that the Liveable Exeter principles are for application to new large-scale developments. Does this mean that these principles are not applicable to smaller developments across the city? If developments outside the identified large-scale strategic development areas are not subject to these principles, please clarify how the City Council plans to assure high-quality, sustainable development consistent with the Plan, evidenced local need and net-zero commitments, where people live now. In particular please advise how the St James Neighbourhood Plan and its principle of community balance will be retained.

Thank you.