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Sent: 02 March 2026 14:19
To: George Marshall [REDACTED]
Subject: Duty to co-operate

Dear George,

I write further to recent discussions to clarify East Devon District Council's position with regard to the Exeter Plan and the duty to co-operate.

Following engagement during the preparation of the Exeter Plan, East Devon District Council (EDDC) did not object to the Exeter Plan in terms of the duty to cooperate at Regulation 19 stage. We acknowledge that while we do not agree with Exeter City Council over the employment land position, we understand that the duty is a duty to co-operate rather than a duty to agree. This is reflected in the Statement of Common Ground of September 2025 between the two Councils and our recent Hearing Statement which set out that there has been open and productive engagement on both sides.

Kind regards.

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