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Exeter Innovation

Chapter of the Exeter Plan

Chapter 16 - Site allocations

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).

Strategic mixed use brownfield allocation: SBA1 - Water Lane (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?

Yes

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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This planning proposal is exactly what Exeter - and the wider country - needs, We are facing a significant housing crisis, especially in Exeter and cities like it; there is a clear need for more homes to be built. But its not just about increasing the number of houses; its about improving the quality of housing we offer and ensuring it meets the needs of modern living. This proposal does just that, focusing on creating better-quality homes that are sustainable, energy-efficient, and well-connected to the community.

This plan in particular targets a site that is already suited for redevelopment, making the most of a space that is underutilised, using it to significantly increase housing supply and supporting the effects of that. This approach is key to transforming these areas into thriving, vibrant communities while protecting the citys green spaces and preserving its character. This proposals emphasis on redevelopment in suitable areas helps to balance the need for housing with the need to maintain Exeters unique identity and environment.

One of the most compelling aspects of this plan is the focus on engaging the community. Involving local people in the process ensures that the development reflects the needs and desires of those who live here, creating spaces that work for everyone. The proposal also prioritises the long-term future of the city, ensuring that the developments we build today will be flexible and resilient enough to adapt to the challenges of tomorrow. By building homes in the right places, with the right quality, and with strong community involvement, this plan sets a positive course for the future of Exeter.

Its made me very happy. We all need more homes developed like this. Young people, especially need developments like this, to bring down costs by increasing supply, making us less reliant on the bank of mum or dad to get on the housing ladder, if ever. Without affordable homes, we cant start families, be settled, contribute to the economy and social fabric of Exeter and the UK more broadly. This isnt important just for young people; its important for securing the future of Exeters place as a cultural,

dynamic place to live and work.

As someone whos just moved to the city to work and is 23 years old, this is my very first time engaging with the planning process. Ive been struck by how accessible its been. After reading about the importance of young people contributing their views, I felt encouraged to get involved”and Im really glad I did. The entire process has been straightforward and welcoming, with all the relevant information available to me in a clear, easy-to-understand way. Its refreshing to see how inclusive and transparent the planning system can be, especially for those of us without detailed knowledge of the intricacies of these important decisions. Engaging with this process has shown me how vital it is for young people to have their voices heard in shaping the future of our cities.

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

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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.

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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)?

Yes, I 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:

We need diverse voices in planning. I don't propose a modification, but I'd like to be part of the hearing sessions to raise the points here if that is necessary,