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Devon Countryside Access Forum

Chapter of the Exeter Plan

Chapter 10 - Natural environment

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).

10.11

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.

The provision of green space is important for the health and wellbeing of Exeters residents and visitors. The Plan comments on the need for additional open space in proportion to the scale of development. (15.30) but makes insufficient comment on the value of improved green space. The Devon Countryside Access Forum advises that ensuring high-quality green space through improving existing areas and making provision for the future maintenance of both new and improved open space should be strengthened in the Plan. Policy NE4 (Green Infrastructure strategic policy) should be amended to include improvement work. This would also reflect the statement in 10.11 that the Riverside and Ludwell Valley Park Masterplan sets out where both new areas of public recreational space could be created and where improvements to existing space can be made.

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.

A small alteration to policy NE4 would satisfy the comment above.

"All development proposals will be required to protect existing and take opportunities to improve or deliver new green infrastructure in accordance with the Green Infrastructure Strategy and updated Biodiversity Network diagram.

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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