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Subject: Minehead Town Council
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Dear Sir or Madam,

At the Minehead Town Council meeting on the 25th February (minute number 473) the proposed local plan was discussed.

Councillors had the following comments:

- The plan did not consider the Somerset West and Taunton area as a whole, it was dealt with piecemeal and not cohesive.
- Some Councillors were critical regarding the lack of social housing in the Minehead and Alcombe area.
- The proposed housing provision in the West Somerset area did not take into account the current lack and future lack of infrastructure and employment issue.
- The Minehead Town Council has a priority to obtain new land to expand its cemetery and this land should be identified and included in the local plan.
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Other concerns from Town Councillors are:

- The proposed sites in Minehead and Alcombe for future housing development are wholly unsuitable.
- Before any more houses are built, transport services and transport links need to be improved.
- Other infrastructure concerns are doctors surgeries and schools. There is only one doctors surgery in Minehead covering 12,000 residents.
- The Plan is lacking a provision for more social housing in Minehead and Alcombe and there needs to be a housing needs survey carried out to identify these needs.
- There are many second homes in our area and this was not addressed in the plan.
- The provision for future housing seems to be allocated across the whole of the new district Council without any consideration of the following:

Minehead and Alcombe is surrounded by Exmoor National Park, hills and floodplains, and the Bristol Channel is on the other side and therefore this small piece of land cannot sustain the number of houses proposed in the plan.

I hope these comments and observations will be taken into account.

Regards
Bryan Howe (Acting Clerk)

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