

## Examination of the New East Devon Local Plan 2006-26

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Dear Mr Freeman,

Thank you for your letter of 6 February.

As you know when the examination was suspended in March 2014, we were, based on the Council's estimations, working on the assumption that we would be able to hold further hearings in October 2014. Admittedly, due to my other commitments that would have been difficult but I had hoped to be back in East Devon by now. I am disappointed to learn that we may not re convene until late June at the earliest.

However, I appreciate that you are bound by committee cycles and it is important that the Plan and any changes you may propose, have the support of the Council.

I note that you envisage taking a report with proposed changes to the Plan to your members in March or early April. In my letter of 16 April 2014, I offered, in order to aid the consultation process, save time and avoid the need for separate hearing statements, to draft questions to guide representors. I am still happy to do that but I will need to see the evidence and any proposed changes as soon as they have been agreed and by mid April at the latest.

Yours faithfully

*A Thickett*

Inspector