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Dear Mr Hiles

Richmondshire Local Plan Core Strategy – Proposed Submission

Thank you for your letter and copy of the above document. Town Councillors have now all seen this document and it was discussed at the August meeting of the Council.

Councillors did not agree with the reduction from 50% to 40 % re. the provision of affordable housing in new developments. They were very concerned about the proposal to levy a 'contribution' of as much as £40,000 for every single new-build home. This could be regarded as a development tax and would stifle the building of new homes. They understood however, that the local Planning Officer would decide the figure to be levied in each individual case. Although this money would be used towards the provision of affordable homes in the District, Councillors were concerned that these would probably be built at Catterick Garrison and not Leyburn.

Concerns were also raised that transport issues had not been properly addressed and the low carbon energy proposals for Leyburn need to be more clearly defined.

Yours sincerely

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