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To: Totnes Town Clerk
Subject: In favour of amendment C12 to Neighbourhood Plan

Good afternoon

I fully support this amendment to the Neighbourhood Plan

A housing crisis has been declared and this is a problem that is not going to go away. We need affordable housing that will stay in community ownership for local people, that cannot be turned into AirBnB, holiday lets or second homes.

Live work space supports local enterprise and local economy which, together with the apprenticeship opportunities on offer, encourages and enables young people to live and work in their own town. A low cost hotel encourages visitors to the town and offers work experience in conjunction with the local college.

Young people were consulted and advised on the Youth Hub, another badly needed asset for the youth of the community.

A £2.5 million grant is on offer to the local community who have obtained listed building consent and are entrusted to develop the Brunel Building. This offers an opportunity to develop and restore a building which is part of the heritage of this area, as well as an arts and meeting space for the local community. This grant will not be available to a for-profit developer. The town, the South West, the country would lose a valuable and historic asset.

A climate emergency has been declared locally. The proposed plan includes renewable energy solutions for all the buildings as well as an Energy centre on site. This needs to be protected as part of the plans.

A great deal of work was done with the Environment Agency to ensure adequate flood defenses for the site and for the long term future of the town. This needs to be part of the plan to ensure against contamination in the event of a flood when the buildings which include asbestos and other contaminated products, are demolished? The town and those further down the river need to be protected.

The inclusion of the C12 amendment in the Neighbourhood Plan supports and protects those in need of affordable housing, young people needing support and help to gain skills and experience, the local economy, bio-diversity, the wellbeing of the town in so many ways - for the long term.

Someone, who was born and bred in Totnes and came to 2 year consultation at the Atmos Hub prior to the CRtoBO being granted, said - " this is the only way my children are going to be able to live and work in Totnes". I think that says it all. This is about what is important to the community and the future of Totnes, not someone looking to make a quick profit at others' expense.

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