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Mr Geoffrey Pugsley
Pilton Residents Group
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Please quote our ref: 15052A

Dear Mr Pugsley,

Further to my previous correspondence I can now enclose an official response from one of the organisations I interceded with on behalf of PRG. Please see attached from Devon County Council's Head of Planning, Transportation & Environment.

I will leave it to PRG to fully tease apart this detailed reply, but it is pretty much what you would expect in terms of their projections for additional cars and additional vehicle movements, which I appreciate PRG refute. Similarly their definition of 'severe impact' is not straight forward - contending this is not the same as congestion.

I note that Highways states it is for the Local Plan to identify strategic infrastructure needs not individual planning applications – this of course though is the basis for PRG's concerns over cumulative impact and the use of TEMPRO. However, Highways argue the latter is adequate in covering the cumulative impact of these developments and that the level of assessment is robust. Again I appreciate that PRG refutes this stance. In addition, in light of our previous meeting, I note with interest the use of past tense 'would' when it comes to considering the Ilfracombe Southern Extension.

Once I hear back from the Secretary of State for Transport and the Head of NDC Planning I will be back in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nick Harvey".

Nick Harvey
MP for North Devon

Enc. Letter from Mr Dave Black, Head of Planning, Transportation & Environment, Devon County Council, dated 18 March 2015