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Sent by email

Dear Mrs Burden and Mrs Wright

**PLYMOUTH AND SOUTH WEST DEVON JOINT LOCAL PLAN 2014-2034
ID NO: 1095702**

We write in response to Mrs Burden's request at the Hearing Session on 8th February for clarification from the Council and/or ourselves on why the former airport site was marked as having a single "minor negative" in the Council's assessment of reasonable alternatives (Doc Ref: SUB9D). This minor negative score was in respect to Integrated Assessment Criteria 7 which related to the stated objective "To help develop a low carbon economy which will help prepare the City for climate change."

You will note from the assessment criteria scoring at Examination Document SUB9D that within the Derriford and Northern Corridor all but two of the sites were scored "?" which means that the impact on the IA objective was uncertain. What is not clear, however, is why the former airport site was judged to score a minor negative effect on this criterion. We would also welcome clarification from the Council on this and an opportunity to comment on this as necessary.

Contrary to this assessment, we have consistently advanced evidence within our representations that of the sites identified for housing in Plymouth the former airport site performs at least as well if not better than any of the identified housing sites in terms of its lack of environmental constraints and strong sustainability credentials. No evidence to counter this position has ever been made available. This is down to the Councils consistently flawed approach to the former airport site and its refusal properly to consider its potential on the basis that it has been considered an 'unavailable site'. However, you will have noted that ARUP's Report for the Council in 2016 into alternative uses for the Former Airport Site confirmed that the site has the potential, through mixed use redevelopment, to deliver significant benefits for Plymouth.

Yours sincerely


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