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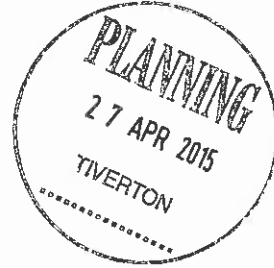
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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached our response to the Mid Devon Local Plan Review.

Regards

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **The Mid Devon Local Plan Review Consultation**

Railfuture is a national voluntary rail users organisation that campaigns for improved train services and selected expansion of the railway network. We are writing about the Mid Devon Local Plan.

We are pleased to see that under Policy S2 and also Policy CU8 East Cullompton Transport Provision, the Council is supporting the reopening of a railway station at Cullompton. You say that the Local Plan allocates a possible site for this. On technical grounds the original site on the north side of the town is the most suitable due to straight track and good road access. Anything further south is ruled out, as curvature is too tight and track cant too steep on the line towards Exeter.

Within Mid Devon there are other disused stations and lines. Of these we also consider that the old Tiverton Junction station at Willand to be a possible reopening and should be mentioned in the Local Plan.

Tiverton, the largest town in Mid Devon, does not have any direct commuter/local rail services to Exeter or Taunton. By restoring 4¾ miles of track from the main line at Tiverton Junction (Willand), Tiverton could become part of the developing Devon and Somerset Metro network within the Local Plan period to 2033. Therefore we would like to see a specific statement of protection for the railway route added to the plan.

Yours faithfully,

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