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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to: Plan Mid Devon Issues Consultation Regulation 18

Plan Mid Devon 2023 - 2043 has been reviewed on behalf of NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in response to the Regulation 18 Consultation requirement. The CCG fully supports policies that ensure where the design and build of new homes and their surrounding areas lead to a positive effect on the future Health and Wellbeing of the new residents.

As is the case with education whereby new housing developments lead to additional demands for school places, the same is true for the provision of healthcare services. New development brings new residents into GP practice catchment areas and where there are or will be patient capacity issues created by the influx of new residents, then mitigation of these capacity issues must be met by developer contributions to help future proof GP practices for the existing and new population.

The CCG would wish to be recognised as a statutory consultee to Mid Devon District Council by supporting and advising the Council on health issues. In particular healthcare facility infrastructure as laid down in the Plan Mid Devon "Infrastructure and How We Travel" supporting document published by the Council. The preparation of a new Local Plan provides an opportunity to review and plan for new and improved healthcare facilities in Mid Devon, and include policies to help protect those facilities that already exist.

Engagement with the Council on the preparation of the new Local Plan will provide the ability for the CCG to build forecast demands on healthcare services into its capital programme and also an opportunity for it to make requests to the Council, through the new Local Plan and where developer contributions are sought towards infrastructure, for additional healthcare provision arising from that planned new development.



When Mid Devon District Council are in a position to publish the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) that will accompany the new Local Plan development, the CCG would welcome the opportunity comment on the potential effects the HELAA may have on existing healthcare facilities in Mid Devon and determine the mitigation that may be required to help the new Local Plan towards sustainability.

Yours faithfully,

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George Grute

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On behalf of:

**NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)**

