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Councillor David Thomas
Chairman, Steering Group,
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2.3.14.

Dear Chairman,

Travelling Consultation Exhibition

Following on from the recent placing on deposit of the Council's emerging new Local Plan, at the latest meeting of the Paignton Neighbourhood Forum on Thursday 27th February last all there present were very much impressed with the conduct, content and results gleaned from the Goodrington, Roseland & Hookhills CP Travelling Exhibition as most eloquently reported to the Meeting by Ms Tracey Cabache.

Unfortunately, and sadly for us and our Community, this only served to expose and to underline the gross and unacceptable inadequacy of the Consultation and explanation and dissemination of information on the subjects of the emerging Local and Neighbourhood Plans (in so far as they will relate to and affect our Communities in Collaton, Blagdon and Yalberton) to date. This oversight on the part of the Council, unintended we presume, or otherwise, was commented upon to the Forum and how we would appreciate and expect (yea demand) the same consideration to be given / shown to our above Communities by the Council. This was acknowledged by the Meeting.

As a result, in consequence of the above, Ms Cabache was approached at the end of the Meeting and asked if it would be possible for her to mount an extension to the Travelling Exhibitions for our above Communities to be held at a venue in Collaton. She stated in response that she would only be too happy to comply with our request and that it would not present her with any difficulties, but that we would have to make a formal request for such via your good self. We trust that this will not present you with any difficulty in authorising this, our request for the above, on behalf of our Communities who, we think you should agree, are entitled to the same degree of consideration as the other Communities in Paignton which have received or are yet to receive (Ms Cabache informed us that she has remaining so far 2 other venues for the Exhibition) such Consultation and to expedite this. However, if this does

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present you/ the Council with any difficulty in any regard we shall expect from you a full explanation as to why this should be the case and in the event of our Communities not receiving the benefit of a full and proper Consultation as others have this could prove to be embarrassing to the Council and our local Councillors and come to the attention of the Inspector as part of the Examination Process. You can let us have your response on this present occasion via Ms Cabache or Mr David Watts of the Forum as convenient to you.

As an aside, it was also reported to the Forum meeting that Taylor Wimpey has lodged its Appeal in respect of the former Sunday Car Boot field in Collaton and that the Council will be defending against this Appeal at a forthcoming Public Inquiry. We the League have formulated our views as to how best the defence against this Appeal should be constituted and would seek to lend our support to the Council and its Officers in any way appropriate to this endeavour. We would be willing to consult on this with the Council and its Officers and to assist as you may wish us so to do.

We very much look forward to hearing from you, accordingly.

Yours Faithfully

Collaton Defence League.

cc Ms Tracey Cabache