

## **Appendix 10 Statement by the Right Honourable Robert Jenrick MP.**

The following statement was made by the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government was made on Devon Live in December 2019 in relation to Torbay's Neighbourhood Plans<sup>1</sup>.

*"I am very pleased to be here this evening at Anthony Mangnall's invitation. It was very clear that local people feel very strongly about the housing developments going on here. As a government we want to build more homes. We want to help young people and those on lower incomes onto the housing ladder and to provide rented accommodation for those people for whom that's not an immediate option. But we want those homes to be built in the right places. We want them to be built in a way that's good for the environment and we want to ensure that local people are in the driving seat about choosing where the homes are built, how and when.*

*We've created a localist system that's plan based and it was very good this evening to hear (about) the years of hard work that many local people had put into producing neighbourhood plans, but concerning that many of the same people felt that the neighbourhood plans were being disrespected by the local council in Torbay and that their wishes were not being carried through. So I want to see those neighbourhood plans properly respected by the local authority, homes built on the sites that were allocated as part of that process and that local people's views are listened to.*

*And I've committed this evening to providing some further clarification to the local campaigners about how the planning system operates that will helpfully give them some of the weapons that they need to take their battle forward with the local authority, and to working with (Electoral Candidates) Anthony and Kevin....to take their concerns forward and to see what we may be able to achieve for local people so we can marry building more homes but building ones which work for the local community and respect their wishes as outlined in the neighbourhood plan that was voted on in May in a referendum, and should be the document that the local council really listens to".*

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/housing-secretary-robert-jenrick-backs-3615792?fbclid=IwAR0bo7sW-YL6564BiHF3nwpufd-e5X2\\_pNHylt53-ANJfUf0K2kxHNUdBvk](https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/housing-secretary-robert-jenrick-backs-3615792?fbclid=IwAR0bo7sW-YL6564BiHF3nwpufd-e5X2_pNHylt53-ANJfUf0K2kxHNUdBvk)