Campaign to Protect Rural England

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RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
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Dear Mr Hiles,

RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT TARGET REVIEW 2013

The Branch have studied this document and are in agreement with the council's assessment of its development target. This is our response to the questions set out in the review.

1. Do you agree with the Council's reassessment of its development target?

We consider the level of growth proposed to be appropriate to Richmondshire's rural setting and any increase could have a detrimental effect on the local environment. The landscape and historic setting of Richmond do limit its growth, and serious consideration should be given to protecting the special quality of the local villages and the surrounding landscape of the District. The statistics show there is a need for affordable options due to the low average earnings of people living in Richmondshire, however just increasing the number of houses being built will not satisfy the need due to this affordability gap.

2 Do you agree that the revocation of then Regional Spatial Strategy has little impact on the Council's development targets?
Yes

3 Do you agree with the Council's position on the provision of military service families' accommodation following the publication of the Army Basing Plan?
Yes, but this could vary due to the changing nature of the Britain's military programme.

4 Do you agree with the Council's approach to updating its Gypsies and Travellers Accomodation Assessment?
Yes, but some contingency accommodation to cover the need for transient sites to cope with the influx which occurs during the Appleby Horse Fair should be considered.

5 Do you agree with the proposed changes to the Local Plan Strategy identified at paragraph 5.2?
Yes. The proposed housing target of 180 homes should be an average over the plan period.

Yours sincerely

S Thubron (Mrs)
Planning Committee