

John Crispin – response received 29 April

Dear Sir/Madam,

The recent withdrawal of the top-down regional strategy for housebuilding in the South West by Central Government has reduced the houses required in this area. Yet it seems the council is still going ahead with the full development at EOHS. Why is there still a need to progress this, bearing in mind all responses to questions regarding the level of house building has always come back to the top-down strategy from Central Government? as this is now longer applies, what are the reasons for continuing with this policy?

You are or should be more than aware of the high level of resistance from the local community to the EOHS scheme, for a number of reasons that has been repeatedly raised with council members. With the abolition of the top-down regional strategy, Central Government also advised that local councils '*with the involvement of local communities*' should decide on the necessary housing needs in the area.

'Involvement' does not mean listening then ignoring anyway.

What are the Council's plans to revise the EOHS strategy and how & when will the local residents be notified? By notification, I mean a specific mail shot to the residents in the local area, not hidden away in some 'official publication' that 0.01% of the people actually see or even know about. I am still yet to receive, and never have received, a copy of the South Gloucestershire News that was mentioned in a meeting where 'everything has been notified' and I live in Hambrook Lane.

Regards,
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