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I am replying as the Councillor for Crowcombe and Stogumber ward, Leader of the Council, Chairman of the Quantock Hills ANOB JAC and the owner of land surrounding the village of Crowcombe.

Policy SC1, p.20-21 : alteration of the dwelling numbers has a dramatic effect for Crowcombe it reduces the number of houses in the plan period 23 to 9 and for Stogumber 33 to 17, with the knock-on effect of how many houses can be built in any five-year period. The removal of the words "a maximum of" and substitution with "about" I do not consider solves this problem. It leaves the plan looking fuzzy. The problem is that the reduction in dwelling numbers varies considerably from village to village and so I cannot see how one figure for all the villages can be arrived at. The only solution I can see is if a set figure is given for each individual village. So Crowcombe would be allocated 23 houses and Stogumber 33 while the other villages such as Bicknoller would have a figure of 20, Carhampton 47 and so on. So the housing numbers would be returned to those that were consulted upon. If the housing numbers are left at their present level not only will this have a negative effect on the primary villages as there will not be enough new houses to sustain local services especially the village schools. But also it will reduce West Somerset's ability to meet its housing need.

Policy NH1,p.80 : a minor point but in the list of registered parks and gardens Crowcombe Court Park is listed. I own this park and before me my father it has never been referred to as Crowcombe Court Park always as Crowcombe Park please alter the name.

NH11, p.100-102 : this policy has not been consulted upon. I have two comments firstly small scale development is not defined the presumption is, I presume, that it is smaller than major development but that is a presumption. Small-scale development should be defined. Secondly the ANOB designation is used by some as a means to try and stop development so bullet point 8 in the assumptions needs to be given more prominence preferably by being moved to the head of the list.

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