



30 June 2022

To:  
Ilminster N P Planning Policy Team  
South Somerset District Council Offices  
Brympton Way  
Yeovil BA20 2HT

Dear Sirs,

I would like to register my objection to the decision of the SSDC to withdraw the 13 sites from the Neighbourhood Development Plan. By doing so, the Council take away from local residents any opportunity to influence where development takes place in Ilminster, and the number of houses to be built on each site.

The reason for having a Neighbourhood Plan is to give the local community the opportunity to influence all building in their local area and not leave it to landowners and developers. This is a basic right of a democratic society. The Council seem to be abdicating their responsibility of decision making by deleting the 13 sites, cleverly bypassing local residents, by giving the decision making onto the new Somerset Unitary Authority, which I understand is to include just two Ilminster Council representatives.

It will have no success without involving local people of Ilminster of any neighbourhood planning. The Neighbourhood Plan, reg. 16, should not go to referendum until it has been revised to include the 13 proposed sites produced by the Council in consultation with the Ilminster community.

Yours faithfully

