

EDDC Report – Cllr Bethany Collins – 12th January

Planning Appeal - [25/00094/REF](#)

Land at Ottery Road, Feniton (25/0509/MOUT) - Erection of up to 85 dwellings, a community eco-hut and associated infrastructure (outline) with vehicular access to be determined; all other matters reserved.

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of EDDC to refuse to grant planning permission for the above planning application. The appeal will be determined based on written representations.

All previous comments have already been shared with the planning inspectorate, but further comments can be made here: <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>.

You can also send representations via post to the following address: Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol BS1 6PN.

All representations must be made by **10th February 2026** at the latest. All representations must quote the appeal reference number 25/00094/REF.

Devon Libraries Consultation

Devon County Council have published a consultation on the future of libraries in Devon. You can complete the consultation here and if you don't have access to a device at home to complete the consultation, library computers are the perfect place to complete the consultation: <https://devon.cc/your-libraries>

Our wonderful library in Ottery have produced a list of things that you could include in the consultation, and you can pop in to get more information to support your response. They also have a petition you can sign.

Some facts to ponder on:

- The Consultation proposal that would have the most drastic and dramatic effect on Ottery Library is the reduction of staffed opening hours from 21 to 15, **a loss of 28%**, inevitably resulting in single staffing and the loss of the community, educational and support activities.
- Ottery Library's always busy: footfall has increased by **19%** since pre-Covid.
- Book borrowing has decreased nationally since Covid by 23%, by 19% in Devon but by **only 2.5%** in Ottery St Mary Library.

If you have specific questions about the consultation, please contact Devon County Council – communitiesconsultation@devon.gov.uk

Current EDDC Active Consultations and Surveys

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- [Share your feedback following the first Budleigh Salterton Beach and Cliff Management Plan drop-in session](#) – deadline 11am on Friday 16th January 2026
- [Have your say on East Devon’s Heritage Strategy](#) – deadline 9am on Monday 26th January 2026
- [Respond to East Devon’s Local Plan Second Regulation 19 Consultation](#) – deadline 12pm on Monday 26 January 2026
- [Give feedback on East Devon's amended Street Trading Policy](#) – deadline 5pm on Friday 4th February 2026
- Have you visited the Exe Estuary or Pebblebed Heaths recently? [Share your experience in the South East Devon Wildlife visitor survey](#)