

EDDC Report – Cllr Bethany Collins – 11th May

Appeal Decision – 25/0509 MOUT, Land at Ottery Road (Feniton)

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

Appeal dismissed.

Upcoming Planning Committee 12th May – 25/2468/MOUT (Major), Land adjacent to Gerway Nurseries, Gerway Close (Ottery St Mary)

This planning application is due to be discussed at Planning Committee (EDDC, Blackdown House, Honiton) tomorrow. Whilst the public speaking spots are now filled, members of the public are welcome to attend. This application will not be discussed before 2pm.

Full Council, 15th April 26

Full Council heard and discussed a motion around the protection of terrestrial television access proposed by Councillor Stuart Hughes. The content of the motion is as follows:

This Council notes:

- Ongoing national discussions regarding the potential future switch-off of terrestrial television services in the UK
- That a significant number of residents in East Devon – particularly older people, those on low incomes, and those in rural areas – rely on terrestrial TV as their primary means of accessing news, public information and entertainment
- That many households do not have access to reliable, affordable broadband and would face financial or practical barriers in transitioning to internet-based television services

This Council believes:

- That access to public service broadcasting is a vital public good
- That any transition away from terrestrial TV must not disadvantage vulnerable residents or deepen digital exclusion

This Council resolves to:

- Write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport expressing this Council's concerns and requesting clarity on the government's long-term plans for terrestrial TV
- Urge the government to guarantee that no switch-off will occur until reliable, affordable broadband and suitable equipment are available to all households

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- Request that government commits to fully funded support for residents who would face financial or practical barriers in transitioning to digital-only services
- Share this motion with East Devon’s MPs, inviting their support and asking them to raise the issue in Parliament

There were also various recommendations from committees which can be found on the EDDC website.

Current EDDC Active Consultations and Surveys

- East Devon Local Nature Recovery Plan [Consultation](#)
- Share your feedback on [East Devon District Council Contact Hub](#) at Exmouth Town Hall

If you, or someone you know, is unable to complete an online consultation or survey, request a paper version, by emailing engagement@eastdevon.gov.uk. Please submit this request at least four days before the consultation closes, so that the response is received before the deadline.