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Dear Tom

Proportion of Affordable Housing in the Proposed Princetown Residential Developments

During our site meeting to consider proposed residential developments in Princetown you sought Dartmoor Forest Parish Council's support for the Duchy of Cornwall's bid to seek an exemption from the 50% affordable housing requirement of the Dartmoor National Park Planning Authority. The Parish Council considered this request at its last meeting and concluded that:

Given the high level of social housing in Princetown, the 50% requirement would be excessive.

Princetown's residential development need is primarily for one and two bedroom properties.

The affordable housing percentage for a development planned for South Brent had been reduced to 35% in recognition of additional work to benefit the community being undertaken by the developer.

The Council will lose its store for emergency planning equipment as a result of this residential development.

Consequently, Dartmoor Forest Parish Council will support any bid by the Duchy of Cornwall for an exemption from the affordable housing requirement for proposed one and two bedroom properties in Princetown on the proviso that the Duchy provides and maintains a permanent alternative store appropriate to the Council's needs.

Yours Sincerely

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Nigel Tigwell Parish Clerk

Copy: Stephen Belli, Director of Planning, Dartmoor National Park Authority