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Dear Sir/Madam

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TO STAKEHOLDERS

Cullompton Town Council would like to make the following response:

Land Use Planning:

- Development on green belt land should be discouraged
- To link work on planning, housing and transport issues local authorities first need to ensure that their various departments are working together and talking to each other. Interaction between local authorities and local authority departments is a necessity as is meaningful consultation with their communities.
- Business rates on vacant business/retail premises should be increased, above that of functioning properties, to encourage landlords to reduce rents and thus ensure that properties are used and not left empty.
- Local authorities need to work with the local business community to ensure that skills and employment issues are properly linked to wider work. Consider offering businesses incentives such as business rate relief in exchange for providing effective training schemes.

The Council hopes that these comments will be of assistance.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Judy Morris