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I have considered the Scoping Report for the Mid Devon Local Plan Review, in relation to the Duty to Cooperate as an adjoining LPA and another district within the Exeter Housing Market Area.

I have no comments on the majority of issues raised in the report, but I would comment on the overall provision of housing, p22.

The provision of housing is a key matter which will engage the Duty to Cooperate, particularly with other Local Planning Authorities within the Exeter Housing Market Area. This requires discussion between the relevant planning authorities on an ongoing basis, before decisions can be made about the level of housing which it is appropriate for Mid Devon to plan for. These comments are made in the absence of the Government's proposed guidance on the Duty, but they reflect my understanding of its potential implications for the Mid Devon Local Plan Review.

There are no doubt a number of other strategic issues which should be discussed between the duty to cooperate partners during the plan's preparation, but experience seems to indicate that the provision of housing is likely to be the key one.

I hope these comments are useful.

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