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**From:** WATLING  
**Sent:** 19 August 2013 10:41  
**To:** DPD  
**Subject:** Mid Devon District Council Local Plan Review Scoping Report July 2013

Dear Sirs,  
We write to express our opinion on the following subject: -

Mid Devon District Council  
Local Plan Review  
Scoping Report  
July 2013  
Land allocations Bampton  
(3.22 – 3.27)  
Options

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It is our opinion that to regard Bampton, for planning purposes, as being in the same category as Tiverton, Cullompton and Crediton is patently ridiculous. That Bampton is still referred to as a town is simply a historical anachronism. It has nothing like the infrastructure of the three towns. When we moved to Bampton in 2000, it was quite clearly no more than a large village and despite the combined efforts of MDDC and local developers it remains a large village although now somewhat blighted. If Option 1 is retained then we fear that Bampton will become yet another example of the overloaded, sprawling mess found so often in other parts of the country.

We strongly urge the Council to adopt Option 2 under this section of the report: -

### **Option 2**

**Re-classify Bampton so its development status matches the designated villages in Mid Devon, where expansion may be more limited.**

Yours faithfully,

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