TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: Cllr M Haines

DATE: 6 August 2019

REPORT OF: Site Inspection Team – Councillors Haines (Chairman),

Bullivant and Parker

DATE OF SITE INSPECTION:

22 July, 2019

(a) Exminster - 19/00710/MAJ - Land East of Old Matford Road, Exeter

Change of use from agricultural land to Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS) (Use Class D2), and

and

b) Exminster -19/01016/MAJ - Land West of Old Matford Lane, Exeter

Change of use from agricultural land to Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS) (Use Class D2)

Also present: Councillor Taylor and a representative of the Parish Council.

Purpose of Site Inspection:

In accordance with the procedure relating to major applications, the applications below were the subject of a site inspection prior to being considered by the Committee. All members of the Committee were invited to attend the site inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to enable Members to familiarise themselves with the site. Members were unable to form an opinion on the applications without having first considered the detailed reports of the Business Manager which will be included in the Committee agenda for the next or a future meeting.

The Planning Officer reported on the extent of the sites and boundaries, public access points, location of car parks, existing landscaping and proposed landscaping. The main footpath route, location of the brook, and locations of an interpretation board and new orchard.

Members noted the site boundaries and surrounding area, the topography of the sites and that the two proposed car parks were at the bottom of the sites.

Members asked officers to investigate the location of a small car park at Old Matford Lane to enable the elderly and disabled to access the top of both site.

Cllr M Haines Chairman