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Sent: 25 November 2013 15:32
To: Maria Toynton
Subject: FW: 94863_East Devon District Council Axminster Town Council for the designation of the Parish of Axminster as a Neighbourhood Area. - UNCLASSIFIED:

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[More comments from Natural England, but on the Axminster Neighbourhood Area this time.](#)

Maria

From: Buddle, Zoe (NE) [<mailto:> [REDACTED]]
Sent: 05 September 2013 21:07
To: Maria Toynton
Subject: 94863_East Devon District Council Axminster Town Council for the designation of the Parish of Axminster as a Neighbourhood Area.

Dear Maria,

Thank you for notifying Natural England of the above applications for designation of a Neighbourhood Areas in Axmouth and Beer.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Plans where the Town/Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum considers our interests would be affected by the proposals. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders where proposals are likely to affect a Site of Special Scientific Interest or 20 hectares or more of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land. We must also be consulted on Strategic Environmental Assessments, Habitats Regulations Assessment screening and Environmental Impact Assessments, where these are required.

The Local Planning Authority and Parish Council should have due regard to the River Axe Special Area of Conservation (SAC), which runs through the proposed application boundary area. Further detail on the SAC is provided [here](#).

The following is offered as general advice which may be of use in the preparation of any future plans or order relating to the proposed Neighbourhood Area:

Natural England, together with the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Forestry Commission has published joint advice on neighbourhood planning which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans and development proposals. This is available at: <http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/PDF/GEHO0212BWAZ-E-E.pdf>

Local environmental record centres hold a range of information on the natural environment. A list of local records centre is available at: <http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php>

Protected landscapes

If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), we advise that you take account of the relevant National Park/AONB Management Plan for the area. For Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, you should seek the views of the AONB Partnership.

Protected species

You should consider whether your plan or proposal has any impacts on protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced standing advice to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected or Biodiversity Action Plan species should they be identified as an issue. The standing advice also sets out when, following receipt of survey information, you should undertake further consultation with Natural England.

[Natural England Standing Advice](#)

Opportunities for enhancing the natural environment

Neighbourhood plans and proposals may provide opportunities to enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment, use natural resources more sustainably and bring benefits for the local community, for example through green space provision and access to and contact with nature.

Opportunities to incorporate features into new build or retro fitted buildings which are beneficial to wildlife, such as the incorporation of roosting opportunities for bats or the installation of bird nest boxes should also be considered as part of any new development proposal.

If, as you develop a plan or order, you consider it will affect Natural England's interests, you should consult Natural England at consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Zoe

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We are here to secure a healthy natural environment for people to enjoy, where wildlife is protected and England's traditional landscapes are safeguarded for future generations.

In an effort to reduce Natural England's carbon footprint, I will, wherever possible, avoid travelling to meetings and attend via audio, video or web conferencing.

From: Maria Toynton [<mailto:MToynton@eastdevon.gov.uk>]
Sent: 08 August 2013 08:57
To: Consultations (NE)
Subject: Neighbourhood Plans - Axminster

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Please find attached the above as requested.

Kind regards.

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