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Dear Mr Twamley

**Planning consultation: Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 consultation.**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 02 January 2019

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 welcomes the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and recognise the effort that has gone into its development. We have a few comments. These are set out below.

Policy 3 (Settlement coalescence and green wedges) refers to 'Green Wedges' shown on map 10. However Map 10 only shows the Built Up Area Boundary (BUAP) the Sidford/Sidbury Coalescence Area and a strategic employment allocation. This is confusing. We suggest that the green wedges be shown on map 10 or specific reference to these areas be removed from the policy.

Policy 6 – Protected Open Spaces. There is a typo here. Policy 6 refers to Map 17 but protected open spaces are shown in Map 16.

In respect of Sidmouth we note that the Built Up Area Boundary (BUAP) shown in the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the BUAP boundary set out in the adopted East Devon Local Plan (EDLP) and that EDLP strategy 26 refers to housing and commercial development within the BUAP.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Carol Reeder on 0208 225 6245/07721 108902 or [carol.reeder@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:carol.reeder@naturalengland.org.uk). For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

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