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Cc: Cllr Mike Allen [REDACTED]
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BY EMAIL & BY HAND

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Sid Vale Association as after careful consideration and site inspections we would like to submit the attached comments and responses in the 'pdf' document below my signature on the Draft East Devon District Plan and comment on the consultation process that -

- (1) having taken 3 hours to try and infill your online questionnaire we are unclear if the comments have been received by you - no receipt was received so hence this email,
- (2) other Councils, like the London Borough of Camden, using the same software for their Local Plan consultations do at least also separately allow conventional responses by email,
- (3) it was not possible to comment on Employment Sites - just your housing sites.

Accordingly please can we highlight our comments on your Employment Site - Sidm_24 as follows -

Sidm_24 (land to the west of the 'Sewage Works') between Sidford and Sidbury -

1.6 Hectares - proposed as an Employment Site.

This proposal is strongly objected to as –

It will infill the Green Wedge between Sidford and Sidbury (contrary to the Council's Policy 78 in the Draft Local Plan – see below and Policy 3 of the adopted 'Neighbourhood Plan for the Sid Valley 2018- 2032 seeking to avoid 'Settlement Coalescence').

- (i) There is no need for more Employment Land as the Alexandria Industrial Estate, Sidmouth, is now subject to a planning application for new Business Units. Additionally the adjacent proposed 'Sidford Business Park' on the north east side of Sidford is 'For Sale' as the owners advise there is no 'demand for Employment Land'.

- (ii) Additionally, this proposal is contrary to this Draft Local Plan's Policy 75 as the site is within the AONB and it will not enhance the AONB. Rather development of this site will be detrimental to the AONB.

We trust these comments help and please let us know if we can provide any further information or assistance.

Thanks and regards,

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