



SID VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTIONS

These community actions are suggestions that came up during the preparation of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan but which cannot be included as development plan policy as they are not specifically to do with land use. However Sidmouth Town Council will use these community aspirations as an Appendix to the plan in pursuing as far as possible the wishes of the community.

This document is not subject to consideration at the referendum

COMMUNITY ACTIONS – BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

BN01 Energy Efficiency

All new buildings apart from residential development should demonstrate the sustainability performance as laid out in the EDLP:

Community Action BN02 Biodiversity

To create and implement a Biodiversity Action Plan for the Sid Valley.

Community Action BN03 Maintain the Tree Canopy

To maintain and expand the Sid Valley's tree canopy by raising awareness of its importance and by initiating and managing tree planting programmes.

Community Action BN04 Promote the Sid Valley in Bloom

Help to develop a sense of Pride of Place by encouraging a whole community approach to higher standards of community horticulture and improvement of the visual appearance of public spaces.

COMMUNITY ACTIONS HOUSING

Community Action HO 01 Self-build homes will be supported, especially when locally-tied and affordable

Community Action HO 02 The use of locally sourced materials will be encouraged where possible

Community Action HO 03 Community-led housing projects will be encouraged

Responsible: STC, EDDC, Developers

COMMUNITY ACTIONS - ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

Community Action AC01 Crossing Over the A3052 - Encourage the development of a safe pedestrian/cycle crossing over the A3052 between the Bowd and Woolbrook Junction to link with the planned Otter Trail which proposes a multi-use shared trail between Sidmouth and Feniton which broadly follows the route of the dismantled railway.

ACCESS 7 CONNECTIVITY CONT

Supported by the Sustrans Study 2017 Report

Community Action AC02 Town Centre - Encourage greater priority to be given to pedestrians and cyclists in parts of the town centre to improve safety and enjoyment of the town.

Community Action AC03 Sidbury to Sidford Pathway - Give support to a shared pathway for pedestrians and cyclists from Sidbury to Sidford, which will cross the tiger crossing in Sidford and link with the Byes.

Community Action AC04 Byes to Port Royal Pathway - Development of a 'green corridor' and improved cycle pathways following the River Sid between the Byes and Port Royal.

Community Action AC05 Old Railway Line - The route from the former site of the Sidmouth Railway Station along the disused track to the A3052 should be protected from encroachment or development to reserve the land for a proposed Otter Trail.

Community Action AC06 Traffic Flow Through the Sid Valley - Flow of traffic through the Sid Valley Devon County Council (DCC) Integrated Transport Study to consider normal traffic flow and exceptional traffic flow during events. The DCC Transport portfolio holder has committed to conducting this study in January 2019. The findings of the Sid Valley

Community Action AC07 Residential Parking - Provision of adequate parking for residents is supported: All new development in the Sid Valley resulting in loss of existing residential parking for permit holders should provide alternative residential parking.

COMMUNITY ACTIONS - ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

Community Action ER01: Activities which make maximum use of land resources

- Encourage and work towards the transfer of derelict and/or underutilised assets from EDDC to STC, where these assets, if developed, could bring economic benefits to the Sid Valley.
- Prepare a list of such assets, evaluate existing EDDC proposals for development, if any, and establish and empower a working group to achieve optimum results. Work towards a self-sustaining Sid Valley.

Responsible: Led by STC, in association with EDDC/DCC together with selected national and local groups which may include: coastal organisations and groups, Chamber of Commerce, Vision Group for Sidmouth.

Community Action ER02: Activities in support of the development and diversification of our tourist offer.

- Build on the year-round tourism/culture/education offer with festivals e.g. science, walking, literary, Sea Fest etc. Develop a cultural 'festival' identity. Set up a group of volunteers and key people to take this forward and liaise with STC, EDDC, DCC and developers of the Drill Hall site.

- Create and promote a distinctive brand identity for the town, villages and countryside of the Sid Valley.

Engage with existing local, regional and national initiatives providing access to resourcing, marketing technology and funding aimed at encouraging tourism in coastal communities.

The NP recognises the importance of hotel and holiday accommodation to the local economy and identity of the Sid Valley and the need to resist its loss.

Responsible: Led by STC, in collaboration with EDDC/DCC together with selected national and local groups

Community Action ER03: Activities in support of the development and diversification of the residential profile and expansion of employment

- Promote the Sid Valley as a multigenerational community and thriving area in which to live and work and an area which encourages and supports enterprise, innovation and new ideas, hubs, shared space and resources.
 - Encourage businesses which provide 'interesting jobs'
- Responsible:** Led by STC, in collaboration with EDDC/DCC together with selected national and local groups which may

- include: Chamber of Commerce, retailers, small businesses, related organisations, Vision Group for Sidmouth

Community Action ER04: Support existing businesses and institutions

- Encourage and support existing and new social enterprises for the benefit of the community.
- Resist out of town developments which would result in loss of footfall and trade in town centres.

Responsible: Led by STC, in collaboration with EDDC/DCC together with selected national and local groups.

Community Action ER05: Support, foster and develop our entrepreneurial culture

- Support the creation of facilities such as workhubs/shared spaces and premises for STEAM businesses/start-ups – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics and spaces for existing Sid Valley industries/light industry/essential services. Encourage a buy local

- Encourage businesses into the area including technology and internet-based industries.

Responsible: Led by STC, in collaboration with EDDC/DCC together with selected national and local groups

Community Action ER06: Support, foster and continue to develop our status as a Transition Town

- Encourage measures which contribute to a self-sufficient and self-sustaining economy.
- Encourage projects which support a Green transport environment favouring electric-powered vehicles.
- Encourage ‘relocalisation’ of business through, for example encouraging contractors on public works to source locally; encouraging community and social enterprises.

Responsible: Led by STC, in collaboration with EDDC/DCC together with selected national and local groups which may include coastal organisations and groups, Chamber of Commerce, retailers, small businesses, hoteliers, holiday accommodation businesses, Enterprise Adviser Network and related organisations, Vision Group for Sidmouth/Sustainable Sidmouth, Sid Energy: Community Energy Cooperative

HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMUNITY ACTIONS

Community Action CC01 Better Connectivity throughout the Sid Valley

Community Action CC02 Health and Wellbeing

Partner with the Local Health and Social Care Forum and initiatives such as Sid Valley HELP to inform the community and identify priorities.

Responsible STC and other local voluntary groups e.g. Sid Valley HELP supported with funding bids, central government grants.

Community Action CC03 Skatepark

Support the redevelopment of the skatepark in Woolbrook **Responsible** STC, Young Devon, Sid Valley schools and community groups.

Community Action CC04 Youth Forum

Create a forum for the participation of children and young people to have a voice and value their views such as a Sid Valley Youth Council. **Responsible** STC, and relevant Community Groups.

EASTERN TOWN COMMUNITY ACTIONS

ET01: The Ham

Retain and improve the Ham play park and open space as a valued recreation resource for all residents particularly children and young people to use freely.

ET02: Water based activities

Encourage water-based activities that support the development of skills, safety, and fun for children, young people and adults to playfully experience the beach and the sea.

ET03: Creation of a jetty/pier

Encourage the creation of a jetty/pier for safe boat and swimming access.

ET04: Beach management plan Support the delivery of a beach management plan that protects and enhances the beach, the cliffs and the town centre.

ET05: Children and young people

Any development of Eastern Town should consider the needs of children and young people for indoor social engagement, sports and leisure facilities.