

SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

OBSERVATIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO LDF PANEL AT EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL ON THE 6TH SEPTEMBER 2011

1. Esplanade & Seafront – Retain 2006 Policy LS1.1

Sidmouth Town Council wish to retain the important Policy LS1.1 protecting both the Esplanade and Sidmouth seafront.

2. Land at The Byes – Retain 2006 Policy LS1.2

Sidmouth Town Council wish to retain the important Policy LS1.2 protecting The Byes.

3. Access to Alexandria Industrial Estate – Retain 2006 Local Proposal LS1.4

Sidmouth Town Council wish to retain the Local Proposal LS1.4 regarding access to Alexandria Industrial Estate and if necessary a Compulsory Purchase Order should be considered in order to obtain the land for the access onto the Estate. Better use could be made of the Alexandria Industrial Estate with smaller units in other parts of the town. Other sites for industrial use should be sought elsewhere.

4. Eastern Town/Ham/Port Royal/ Pennington Point

Sensitive redevelopment of this area is imperative.

5. Maintenance of Sidmouth as a Tourism Town and Safeguarding Holiday Accommodation

All existing Tourism Policies must be upheld vigorously. In order to protect Sidmouth's viability and vitality it is essential that the importance of Tourism is recognised as the town's major industry.

6. Infrastructure/Health Provision (including new Health Centre) Traffic/Parking/Education/Waterborne Transport/etc/

Sidmouth's current infrastructure is already inadequate for the current population and if more development takes place it will be necessary to consider such matters as:

- (i) a new purpose built Health Centre,
- (ii) Traffic and Parking matters – it was considered that better use could be made of both The Ham and Manor Road car parks
- (iii) Consideration might be given to an Educational Campus (North of the A3052) to replace Sidmouth College and release this site for housing.

- (iv) With the possibility of increased waterborne transport there will be a need for a jetty or pier
- (v) More provision for the Arts, Meeting places/spaces and increased well sited play provision.
- (vi) Outlying villages to be protected with satellite surgeries, shops, etc.

7. Park and Change Facility

A transport 'hub' such as a Park and Change facility is required. To be sited South of Woolbrook Road and East of Greenway Lane.

8. Footpath/Cycle Paths

The existing cycleway from Sidmouth to Sidford is well used and the extension to Sidbury is now needed. The Town Council support the Feniton to Sidmouth cycleway

9. No Development anywhere in the Coastal Preservation Area

It is appreciated that North of the A3052 and the AONB in general will receive enormous pressure over the next ten years. It is crucial that the Coastal Preservation Area is protected.

10. Alma Bridge to be Designated as a Local Historic Asset

Whilst it is known that the Alma Bridge is not eligible to be 'Listed' it should be designated as a 'Local Historic Asset' and receive adequate protection.

11. Sustain & Retain Sidmouth's unique character

Sidmouth Town Council strongly believe that Sidmouth's unique character must be sustained and retained for the future.

12. Ensure a Balanced Provision of Housing to make a Sustainable Community for Young & Old, Rich & Poor

National definitions of 'affordable housing' are not appropriate in Sidmouth and great care must be given to ensure that housing is available for all, especially local people.

13. Conference Facilities (for 300/400 users)

There is a need in Sidmouth for conference facilities.

14. Future of Knowle to benefit Sidmouth

In the event that East Devon District Council move from their existing headquarters at Knowle any future use must enhance and be of benefit to Sidmouth.

