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Dear Matt,

I hope that you will accept this e-mail response to the Local Plan Consultation Draft. Apology for not using the Commonplace website. The situation regarding the Sidmouth Employment Site is rather confusing. It would seem that Sidm_08 (Sidm_41B in the current Local Plan) was granted planning permission on appeal, and which has been implemented, for employment. There are calls for this site to be reallocated in the new Local Plan as a mixture of housing and employment land and I have been told by their agent that this is the wish of the owners in order to finance improvements to the Alexandria Estate.

On the other hand, Sidm_24 (Sidm_41A in the current Local Plan) is shown as allocated for employment on the Consultation Draft Proposals Map but does not, as far as I am aware, have the benefit of planning permission or, if it does, the permission has not been implemented. This would appear to indicate that there is no demand to develop this site for employment.

I would urge the Local Planning Authority, therefore, to *unallocate* Sidm_24 as employment land and allow it to revert to agriculture. There are many who think the allocation of this site in the first place within the AONB as employment land was a mistake which the new Local Plan now has an opportunity to rectify.

Thank you,
Regards,
Kelvin Dent.