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To: Angela King <AKing@eastdevon.gov.uk>
Cc: Planning Policy <PlanningPolicy@eastdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: ref: 230921/KT04 - Neighbourhood Area Application - Parish of West Hill

Dear Angela,

Thank you for the recent Neighbourhood Plan consultation in respect of the above. We welcome the opportunity to engage at the earliest stage in strategic plan development. Our main aim is to ensure that parish councils and neighbourhood forums are provided with the best available evidence in order to shape the future of the places in which people live and work. We note your comments regarding the two existing Neighbourhood plans in this area.

We attach a guide 'Planning for the environment at the neighbourhood level' which covers the following:

- Ideas on how to improve your local environment through neighbourhood planning;
- Where to go for information about your local environment;
- Information on environmental assessment.

More information on when to consult us is available on line at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice>

In addition a range of general environmental information and maps about the local environment can be accessed online at: <http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/> .

More specific information regarding planned flood and coastal defence infrastructure investment and the ecological/chemical status of water-bodies can be found by following these links respectively:

· <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/programme-of-flood-and-coastal-erosion-risk-management-schemes>

· <http://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/RiverBasinDistrict/8>

Please note that this is a standard response, but should you have any queries or wish to discuss any matters within our remit further please do not hesitate to contact us at SPDC@environment-agency.gov.uk .

Kind regards,

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