

**Covering email for the Business and Special Interest Groups survey 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Dear Consultee**

You may already know that the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared by a steering group working with Sidmouth Town Council. Our aim is to develop a vision for the Sid Valley, and create a community led framework with full legal status to guide future development, land use, planning and conservation.

This survey of Businesses and Special Interest Groups in the Sid Valley is based on the approach we took with the First Household Questionnaire, which was sent out in June this year. The results of that survey have now been analysed and will be available to view on the Sidmouth Town Council website by the end of September.

Once our consultation and community engagement process is complete and all responses have been analysed, we will write a Neighbourhood Plan which will be reviewed for approval by an independent inspector. Once passed it will go to a public referendum and if there is a majority vote in favour it will have legal force for the next 15 years.

We now seek the views of businesses, organisations, associations, clubs and special interest groups to feed into this process and invite comment and opinion about the current social, commercial and economic environment, and views on a future vision of Sidmouth and the Sid Valley as a dynamic, vibrant place to live and work.

The survey is now available to complete here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Sidplan> The closing date for responses is Monday 31st October.

*Please ignore this communication if you've already received and completed this survey from another source.*

We may be contacted by email at [neighbourhood@sidmouth.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood@sidmouth.gov.uk) if you have any queries regarding the survey or the Neighbourhood Plan

With thanks

**Deirdre Hounsom, Chair, on behalf of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.**