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Dear Sir/Madam,

Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for consulting us on the above Charmouth Neighborhood Plan and my apologies for the delay providing our response. I hope our comments below can still be considered and incorporated into the plan. We have identified environmental constraints within your plan area however as no growth is proposed, we have no site specific comments to make at this stage. Should the aspiration of the plan change, please consult us so that we can provide appropriate comments.

General Advice

Drawing up a neighbourhood plan is a fantastic opportunity to build community resilience to climate change and make the local natural environment better. Opportunities include:

- New green spaces and improvements to public space through new development. This could include planting trees, creating rainwater gardens or enhancing local waterways for water quality and biodiversity.
- Recognising the value of certain environmental features within a plan area, e.g. a floodplain, wetland habitat or rivers. Identify these features and outline how you intend to protect them and improve them.
- Helping a community to manage and adapt to the risk of flooding and climate change by incorporating natural features and green space to manage and store water, and supporting the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS).
- Promoting energy and water efficiency measures for new builds. These measures will reduce the cost of construction for developers and help to reduce utility bills for future occupiers. This will also help reduce unsustainable water consumption and carbon emissions.

We also recommend your Plan takes account of relevant Local Planning Authority's policies, plans and strategies including Local Planning Authority's Strategic Flood Risk

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