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Dear Mr Germon

Designation of Ashburton Neighbourhood Plan Area

I am pleased to advise that the Dartmoor National Park Authority has approved Ashburton Town Council's proposal to designate a Neighbourhood Area, for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. As the proposal covers two local planning authority areas, Teignbridge District Council will also write to confirm its approval of the designation of the part of the Ashburton's Neighbourhood Area that falls outside the boundary of the National Park.

Both authorities will work jointly to support the Town Council's preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and officers will be happy to meet with you to discuss how the Town Council would like to take the proposal forward. Officers will be able to offer advice on the legal requirements the plan must adhere to, consultation and engagement processes and on the national and local planning and other policies and regulations that your Neighbourhood Development Plan must conform with.

Several organisations offer useful neighbourhood planning advice and web links to guidance from some of these can be found at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Weblinks

Planning Aid: <http://www.ourneighbourhoodplanning.org.uk/>

Locality: <http://locality.org.uk/projects/building-community/>

Town & Country Planning Assoc: http://www.tcpa.org.uk/data/files/your_place_your_plan.pdf

Community Council of Devon <http://www.devonrcc.org.uk/c/55/community-led-planning>

Bill Hitchins Chairman **Kevin Bishop PhD** Chief Executive (National Park Officer)

The purposes of the Dartmoor National Park Authority are to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park; and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the area's special qualities. In pursuing these purposes the Authority has a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of the community.

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