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Dear Sir or Madam

**Rural Worker and Succession Farm Dwelling Guidance
Draft Supplementary Planning Document**

I am writing to advise you that the above Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has been approved by the Authority for public consultation. Responses received will be considered and any necessary changes made to the Document, after which it is intended that it will be adopted and used in the consideration of planning applications.

The draft SPD intends to assist those who are seeking to provide a rural worker or succession farm worker's dwelling. It expands on the provisions of the adopted Local Plan Policies HC-D9 (Rural Workers) and HC-D10 (Succession Farming – Second Dwellings on Established Farms). These Policies require development of this nature to meet certain functional and financial tests and the guidance explains in more detail how these issues should be addressed. It also explains size requirements and provides advice on location, siting and design considerations.

The starting point of this guidance are the Exmoor National Park Local Plan policies, which along with any neighbourhood plans, forms the development plan for the Exmoor National Park. Planning law requires that planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. This guidance does not alter the provisions of the Local Plan policies and these will remain unchanged.

The consultation period runs from 7th May to 18th June 2019. I have attached the draft document for information; and also a form on which responses can be provided. Copies are available at Exmoor House, the National Park Centres at Dulverton, Dunster and Lynton; Porlock and Lynton Libraries; and the offices of North Devon District Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council. Please be aware that all representations received will be publicly available and will appear on the Exmoor National Park Authority website. However, all personal contact details will be removed. Following this consultation, the comments received will be reported to a meeting of the Authority, with recommendations for any proposed changes. Please ensure that any comments on the Draft SPD are received by the Authority no later than **18th June 2019**.

Yours Faithfully

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