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Dear Sir or Madam,

**B&NES Draft Core Strategy Publication Version, December 2010 Consultation.**

The Mendip Hills AONB Unit welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Council's consultation process relating to the above and offers the following comments.

**District-wide Spatial Strategy**

This appears to be appropriate in terms of future development needs relating to the part of B&NES within the Mendip Hills AONB.

**Policy CP6 – Environmental Quality**

The AONB Unit fully supports the inclusion of Policy CP6 in the draft Core Strategy which should help to contribute towards achieving objectives in the Mendip Hills AONB Management Plan relating to landscape and biodiversity.

## **Vision and Policy Framework for the Rural Areas**

The Vision and Policies RA1 to RA4 appear to provide an appropriate balance in term of aiming to support sustainable rural communities within the AONB, through limited development to meet local needs in context with its location, whilst generally restraining development in the countryside.

Yours faithfully,

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