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Liz

I've had a look at the Vision for Green Infrastructure. In general, I think that the objectives expressed are laudable and most developers would support them. However, I think there are a few points worth bearing in mind.

1. It is vital that where there are plans are identified for GI in specific locations which affect development interests (for example in relation to allocated sites) that the planned GI is brought to the developer/landowners attention very early on. This will help to alleviate difficulty later on by allowing developers to make early amendments to their proposals to reflect the expected GI requirements. Failure to flag these requirements may run the risk of the GI being seen as being 'foisted' onto schemes after development proposals are being worked up and as a result being resisted. Too often, local authorities fail to make this effort and it can generate considerable conflict. Consultation will obviously take place later in the area but on the basis that developers are working up designs etc, the sooner specific GI details are flagged the better.
2. In relation to Objective 3, I note that one of the sub-objectives is to promote renewable energy etc. I question whether this is relevant to GI issues and there whether this should remain within the vision. Should it not be in Mid Devon's policy or specific renewable energy SPD. Delete?

Thats it.

Regards

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