

GI

Introduction

You mention protection, provision and management of GI, but perhaps you should also mention 'enhancement', maximising of the value of current GI e.g. linking up green infrastructure to benefit biodiversity (land corridors) or rights of way

Aims:

- 'Improving economic prosperity through sustainable development, green tourism and local food production'

I think this should be

- 'Promoting the local economy through promoting the leisure economy and green tourism and local food production.'

Rather than using the term 'footpath' or 'public footpath' it would be better to use 'rights of way' which includes footpaths, bridleways and other byways

You also need to include 'open access land'

Under Objective 1

To promote sustainable growth and economic development by

- Increasing the attractiveness and quality of new and existing housing and employment land, to add value to development and attract investment
- Encouraging green tourism by providing improved bicycle and pedestrian access to and through the countryside, and enhancements to historic sites, disused railways and the Grand Western Canal.
- Promoting and safeguarding local food production
- 'Increasing the attractiveness and quality' maybe a bit vague - You could probably do the first bullet point without any reference to green infrastructure. What specifically needs to be done in terms of green infrastructure to improve the quality of housing and employment.
- What about equestrian access, what about access to rivers (for fishing / canoeing)? Mentioning improved bicycle and pedestrian access by name means that you miss out a number of other important activities
- Following the recent debate about the forestry commission 'sell-off', I would stress the amenity value of woods and forests

'Promoting the leisure economy and green tourism by improving public access to and through the countryside, and enhancing significant green infrastructure such as historic sites, disused railways, woods, forests, rivers and canals.'

Objective 2

To promote Health and Wellbeing