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Please see my comments attached.

Andrew Moore

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Response Form

Deadline 9 December 2011

Mid Devon District Council is consulting on proposed new planning policies for:

Meeting Housing Needs (Supplementary Planning Document)
Website link: www.middevon.gov.uk/spd

Green Infrastructure Plan (including Strategy to 2026 and Delivery Plan as Supplementary Planning Document)
Website link: www.middevon.gov.uk/gip

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Comments

Are you
commenting
on

Planning Document
Meeting Housing
Needs Supplementary

Green Infrastructure Plan

(please tick or check the
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Please indicate which sections, policies or paragraph numbers your comments refer to

General comments on the GIP.

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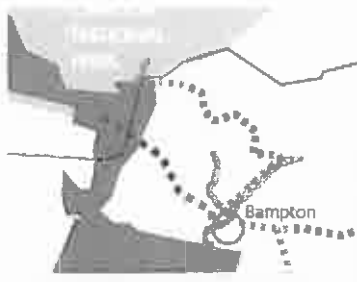
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Please state clearly why you are objecting to or supporting the specified parts of the document/s (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

1. This is an excellent start on a vital topic. Green issues should colour absolutely every aspect of MDDC policy going forward.
2. If this plan is to be effective the GI score should be used as a Key Performance Indicator for effectiveness of the policies going forward. Therefore, the GI score should be publically available and routinely reviewed, updated and reported over time.
3. Similarly, local councillors should be made accountable for delivering GI score improvements within their wards.
4. It completely unclear to me how MDDC can influence and achieve the desired outcomes other than through planning policy. For example, in the case of Bampton under 4.33 (below) it clearly states that accessibility is low to GI. How does MDDC intend to make a serious change to this since much of the land is in the control of private landowners? This is a real gap in the document, particularly since funding is simply not available.

4.33 Whilst the amount of GI per head of population is high, the level of public accessibility is low. For instance, ancient woodland within the areas of search amounts to 615 hectares, but only 47 hectares of woodland are open to the public.

5. Is there a standard map showing all GI sites within MDDC. The map shown in the plan (below) does not seem to match with the Mid-Devon Local Plan when it comes to the identification of country wildlife sites etc.



6. How is the policy to be cascaded to local councils? Will they be required to implement GI score enhancing policies in their areas?

Would you like to be notified when the Council adopts the documents?

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Meeting Housing Needs Supplementary Planning Document

Green Infrastructure Plan (Strategy to 2026 and Delivery Plan)