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A few comments:

1. Note that Mid Devon has grown faster than other areas. You should mitigate growth by way of LESS development, not more. Growth does not have to be inevitable - more houses=more growth, more growth=more houses and so on.
2. How on earth do you reconcile "sustainability" against growth on the scale you envisage.
3. NO junction 27/28 eyesore. Only for the benefit of developers? Holiday makers surely do not want to see another monstrosity on the M5 as an entry point to Devon. How much business would theme parks, food halls etc suck away from local towns and providers?
4. Any development should be for local needs. I seem to recall Moorhayes was advertised in the home counties!
5. Finally you need to get really serious about "sustainable settlements/housing". Why not only allow Community Interest Companies/Land Trusts to own the land and ensure money stays in the communities. Follow "passivhaus" principles (www.passivhaus.org.uk). Look to other good examples like Knockroon (www.knockroon.com).

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