



**MDDC Local Plan Review - Options Consultation 2014  
Bampton Society Response**

Bampton Society supports the **Vision and Spatial Strategy**.

Bampton Society supports **Policy S2 – 2.4** especially reference to ....public rights of way.....

We would like to see **access land** added to the list of green infrastructure networks in **2.4** because: it is included in the *current Core Strategy* **COR 1** and it is also identified in the DCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan (**RoWIP**) **2005** on **Map 4 Summary of Access Land outside the National Parks**. The **RoWIP 2005** is a statutory document under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000.

Bampton Society supports **Policy S14 Rural Areas**, especially **2.71 Villages**. Bampton now appears as one of the rural settlements designated as suitable for limited development; Bampton Society supported this option when responding to MDDC's earlier Scoping Report last year.

**OMISSIONS : (IN the *current Core Strategy* but NOT in the new Local Plan)**

Bampton Society is also very concerned that the new Local Plan Review **OMITS** the *current Core Strategy* **COR10** Strategic Transport Networks – The function of the following strategic transport networks will be protected.

Including in particular....

b) National Cycle Route 3

d) Long distance recreational footpaths Exe Valley Way, Two Moors Way, Devonshire Heartland Way, Tarka Trail and Little Dart Ridge & Valley Walk  
and

the new Local Plan Review **OMITS** the *current KEY DIAGRAM* containing b) and d) above.

b) and d) are also mapped in the DCC **RoWIP 2005 Map 1 Strategic Route Network for Walking and Cycling**.

**The National Cycle Route 3** and the **Exe Valley Way** both pass through Bampton and are important features for visitors and locals alike and a great asset to sustainable tourism in our town.

Bampton Society manages the P3\* scheme for Bampton Town Council and our volunteers appreciate the value of Devon's public rights of way network in more ways than one.

Yours sincerely

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\*Parish Paths Partnership (P3) is organised by DCC and involves liaison ('partnership') between landowners, parish councils and DCC to help maintain & improve public rights of way. Many volunteers throughout Devon participate in the scheme.