



MID DEVON LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2013 – 2033

Proposed Submission (incorporating proposed modifications) Examination

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Matters and Issues

Development Management Policies

Statement of Mid Devon District Council

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15) Does Draft Policy DM17 (Rural Shopping) accord with the (previous version of) the Framework?

- 15.1 Yes, Draft Policy DM17 (Rural Shopping) accords with the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.
- 15.2 Paragraph 28 of the NPPF stipulates that planning policies should support economic growth in rural areas in order to create jobs and prosperity. To promote a strong rural economy, local plans should promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages such as local shops. Draft Policy DM17 seeks to achieve this through enabling retail development within defined villages where it will meet local needs and is accessible by a range of transport modes. Furthermore, the policy sets out the circumstances through which, retail development will be permitted in areas adjacent to defined villages and elsewhere in open country.
- 15.3 This approach is further supported by the conclusions of the Mid Devon Retail Study (2012) [ECO03]. This recommended that the Local Plan Review should include a single policy on rural shopping subject to the criteria set out above.