

Responses to Sites and Development Management Consultation Document and Associated Background Papers

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734a	Test Valley Borough Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		TVBC are concerned that there is no commitment to working on PUSH GI Projects in the Green Infrastructure Strategy.
900q	Lymington Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<p>GI-LYM - Route between Lymington Town Centre and the NaTIONAL Park via Brisge Road: Please bring forward urgently: proposals for provision of cycle route and improvement to pedestrian route in order to encourage safe access for locals and visitors between Lymington and recreational facilities of the New Forest National Park. This is directly in line with policy: Policy DM6 para (vi): Development proposals should aim to enhance „green links“ between the built up area and the countryside, in particular those that enhance recreational opportunities (for walking/cycling) and those that create wildlife corridors (enhancing biodiversity). Lymington Local Distinctiveness SPD: “Social links especially with the Walhampton side of the river are important. The character of Bridge Road needs to reflect the importance of safe access between the town centre and the National Park for all road users including equestrians, cyclists and pedestrians”.</p>
907d	Lomax P	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<p>The GI Strategy laudably identifies the important GI assets between the main settlements including green wedges, green buffers, major recreational routes and watercourses. However the strategy does not go on to identify how these GI assets will be conserved, enhanced and used to benefit local communities that they adjoin and link. These GI assets are arguably as important if not more important than those within the settlements. The potential uses and benefits of for example the green wedges is set out at Policy C5 of the South East Plan. The strategy should set out the GI functions and benefits of the GI assets between and around the main settlements and identifies how this important GI will be conserved and enhanced to help achieve Core Strategy and GI objectives and benefit adjacent communities.</p>
907c	Lomax P	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<p>As currently drafted the strategy provides a mosaic of local GI strategies based on the main settlements and the 3 distinct geographic areas of the district of New Forest. It does not however present a unified, holistic, over-arching GI Strategy for the district as a whole or in relation to the New Forest National Park which sits at the heart of the district i.e. the bigger picture is missing. The lack of the bigger picture could mean that: a. the GI Strategies for the individual settlements are not linked together or linked into the plans for the New</p>

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						<p>Forest National Park into a cohesive whole;</p> <p>b. there is no evaluation of GI that is important at the district and sub regional level;</p> <p>c. there is no assessment of need for GI creation and enhancement at the district/sub regional level;</p> <p>d. the importance and value of wider GI to settlements and communities both within and outside the district is not identified;</p> <p>e. efforts to conserve and enhance the wider GI may be compromised;</p> <p>As a result, it is not easy for example to see how the GI Strategy will contribute to achieving some of the GI objectives in the South East Plan or the GI Strategy for PUSH.</p> <p>A section should be included within the GI Strategy that sets out a district-wide GI framework to provide the all important context for the individual settlement GI Strategies and to identify GI assets that require protection and GI needs that should be addressed through policy and action at the district level.</p>
907b	Lomax P	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<p>The GI Strategy is intended to support the New Forest District Core Strategy and the Site Allocations and Development Management DPD . It is intended that the GI Strategy will eventually form the basis of a SPD for GI. It is therefore important for the GI Strategy to relate specifically to these higher level plans. Section 1 illustrates the hierarchical relationship between the various plans and strategies. However, it does not establish a clear pathway linking the GI aims and proposals with the Core Strategy vision and policy objectives.</p> <p>The objectives in the GI Strategy should have a clearer evidence trail linking to the achievement of the Core Strategy vision and objectives. In this respect, the GI strategy objectives should clearly relate to and be directed at achieving the vision and objectives in Core Strategy policies.</p>
907a	Lomax P	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<p>The strategy uses the PUSH GI Strategy definition of GI which in turn reflects the definition in the South East Green Infrastructure Framework, 2009 and the South East Plan. However implementation of GI strategy in the region, needs to take account not only of the definition of GI in the South East Plan, but also the functions as set out in Policy CC8.</p> <p>Furthermore, this policy has to be considered in the context of Policy CC7 “Infrastructure and Implementation” which sets out a “Manage and Invest” approach to delivery.</p> <p>The New Forest Strategy identifies at 2.23 and 4.1 the many functions that GI can support and perform. The table at 4.2 identifies the aims of the GI Strategy, and also cross references with the key themes and objectives from the PUSH GI Strategy. However, it only references 7 of the 17 policy objectives of the PUSH GI Strategy. There is a question therefore as to how the other 10 policy objectives will be dealt with.</p> <p>The GI Strategy should clarify how all the GI Objectives in the PUSH GI Strategy and Policy CC7/CC8 of the South East Plan are to be delivered.</p>