

**Copy of an email from Denise Lyon to Roland Pyle, Devon LAA  
Development Officer, Devon County Council**

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Hi Roland.

We've reviewed the links between the proposed priorities and our East Devon Corporate and Community Strategies. I've attached a letter detailing the views of our LSP.

We discussed the proposed priorities at our SMT meeting and agreed that we would appreciate you adding youth issues and poverty (the promotion of benefits) to the list. We also thought it really important that the big issues we are tussling with in our District are meaningfully aided by the LAA. These are the developments in the West of the District and regeneration in Seaton and Exmouth (including potential loss of Rolle College as an educational site).

One other thing we wish to raise is the LAA soil management bid. We are surprised by the fact that it doesn't seem to fit with the priorities for improving the natural environment. We thought that Natural England's Sensitive Farming Catchment Initiative was tackling this issue and that it is likely to be extended for another 3 years. We also believe that soil sampling/survey work is a core part of the Environment Agency's diffuse/spot pollution work. Also as part of the new Environmental Stewardship scheme, people can draw on grant assistance for developing soil management plans. As a project its not really adding value for the public.

We would have hoped for something more exciting than this from the LAA process - such as looking at wildlife enhancements by developing wildlife/green corridors (such as our Green Infrastructure work in the West of the District) or large scale projects such as the Axe Wetlands that will deliver not only significant ecological benefits but also public benefits such as access and education plus local economic. Or even larger scale species recovery schemes such as the water vole work. These all involve local community engagement.

Thanks for your time and we look forward to seeing you at the 27 February Executive Board. If you are planning to put a paper to the meeting, the draft papers go out on 13 Feb and actual agenda on the 18 Feb. Diana Vernon is your key contact for this meeting.

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