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Dear Roland

East Devon LSP and Proposed LAA priorities

East Devon LSP has now examined the proposed Devon priorities, there are however a number of comments and suggestions they would like to make.

1. Transportation accessibility is a vital link in rural areas. However this is not a clear priority in the current proposals. Firstly we would like to suggest that, as young people and older people can especially be affected, so these should be the priority areas of focus. Within this we feel that accessibility of health and leisure amenities are of particular importance. Community transport opportunities must not be overlooked.

Secondly we would like to see emphasis on local transport feeder systems into the town hubs.

2. There is insufficient emphasis on preventative health services.
3. There is no priority around Benefits advice and information.
4. We would like to see the “empowered influential communities” phrase amended to read “empowered, cohesive and influential communities”. There is always a risk that otherwise only the vocal minority becomes influential.
5. There is a need to achieve more sustainable funding for essential third sector services (reliance on the Lottery is inappropriate).
6. Facilities for Young People is not covered in the 25 priorities. We need to see a minimum standard and accessible to all.
7. We are concerned that the increase of road deaths and injuries is not reflected in the priorities.

In general the LSP commented that the ‘level of detail’ of the different priorities was unequal, with some specific and some very general.

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