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Hello

I am glad to see included in the Draft Statement of Community Involvement the inclusion under Engage of 'options' and also in Feedback an undertaking to 'explain why decisions have been made'; see extracts below. In the past and indeed in developing the latest Core Strategy for Tavistock there is too little information available to the reader on what options have been rejected and why and indeed why some areas are considered unsuitable for any development. (I notice for Okehampton for example there is a clear rationale for no development to the west.) It is also not entirely clear why a certain option has been identified as being the most favoured. It makes the reader suspicious. It may help if, for example, at some stage there were to be a scoring system for each option such that it is clear that the preferred option is that which most nearly meets all the planning criteria ie it achieves the highest score.

3.1 Community Involvement in Plan-Making

Engage

You can:

- Share ideas and issues.
- Influence decision-making.
- Suggest options for future development.

Feedback

We will:

Explain clearly why decisions have been made.

Regards Roger Downing