

## **A Green Vision of a Sustainable and Resilient East Devon**

### **Natural Environment**

- A network of natural areas of open grassland, wetlands (including ponds) and mixed woodland, linked by wildlife corridors of trees and hedges, supports biodiversity and absorbs carbon. They are accessible for peaceful public recreation.
- The sea and rivers are clean and free of pollution.

### **Energy**

- Energy is provided by a variety of locally owned renewable sources – wind, solar, hydro and tidal. It is designed not to have unacceptable impacts on wildlife or landscape.

### **Housing**

- Housing is affordable for local people and is built in response to local need, with appropriate and adequate infrastructure.
- Homes at an affordable social rent are available at the scale required and give residents firm assurance of tenure and shared management.
- New housing development has well-insulated, carbon neutral homes. It contains trees, green recreation spaces and play areas. It is designed to give priority to walking and cycling. There are electric car charging points and car club EV's are available. It is connected to the rest of the area by walking, cycling, bus and rail routes.

### **Transport**

- Trains and buses are frequent, low carbon and affordable.
- Road traffic is reduced by regular, affordable public transport, walking and cycling routes, and the use of Park and Ride schemes.

### **Food**

- Locally produced food is available and is promoted to reduce food miles. There are community gardens, allotments and orchards.

### **Economy, Community and Social Provision**

- Towns and villages are vibrant, social spaces with minimal road traffic. They have a variety of locally owned businesses meeting much of the needs of the local community.

- The local economy provides access to funds through a Regional Mutual Bank. Local collective forms of ownership such as Community Interest Companies and Non-profit co-operatives are facilitated.
- Community spaces are an important provision within local infrastructure
- The Local Authority has meaningful devolved powers with adequate funding to perform its social function for the wellbeing of the residents and the community.

## **Democracy**

- Technology is used to improve the transparency of local decision making and people's easy access to and attendance at council meetings.
- The Local Authority consults with local communities and people through improved deliberative democratic processes such as Citizen's Panels, Assemblies and Juries.