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CONSULTATION RESPONSE – STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- The guidance sets out general principles for the integration of sustainable development into development plans but lacks detail on the practical implementation of this (i.e. the successful delivery of good quality development with the minimum impact on the environment on the ground). In undertaking the Moray Local Plan Review the vast majority of these issues have been addressed and there does not appear to be any new issues raised.
- Within this planning authority there is a distinct lack of expertise in the field of sustainable development, this guidance is not expected to bridge the gap but this is an issue that needs to be recognised and addressed. There is a need for further guidance and information on best practice.
- Given the remote and rural nature of Moray the critical relationship between transport and land use planning presents challenges. It should be acknowledged that a lot of the factors involved have conflicting needs and difficult decisions have to be made on the weight given to these. The delivery of sustainable economic development is sometimes not an easy task.
- The scope of the guidance is limited and should address how development control can incorporate sustainable development principles. There is reference to checklists and supplementary planning guidance but not at a detailed level so as to be informative.

RESPONDEE INFORMATION FORM: Draft Statutory Guidance on Planning and Sustainable Development

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