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Dear Sirs

A new local plan for East Devon – Issues and Options report consultation

Thank you for consulting the Devon Gardens Trust on the Issues and Options Report of the new local plan for East Devon.

The built heritage is rightly given a strong emphasis in the local plan but the significant contribution made by historic designed landscapes to the heritage of East Devon is not fully acknowledged. There are eight sites on the Historic England Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest and twenty five sites on the Devon Gazetteer of Parks and Gardens of Local Historic Interest (para 2.33,2.34 & 2.49 of the Heritage Strategy). Admittedly, there is a brief mention of registered parks and gardens in para 9.6 but we suggest that it is important that historic designed landscapes should be given more emphasis in the text.

The Devon Gardens Trust suggests that perhaps Chapter 9 'Our outstanding built heritage' should be re titled 'Our outstanding historic environment' as this would embrace listed buildings, conservation areas, scheduled monuments and designed landscapes
Objective 7 should be changed to 'To conserve and enhance our historic environment' and there should be a specific reference to the historic designed landscapes in the text.

We hope that you can see your way clear to making these few changes.

Yours faithfully
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