

Statement by Moyra Tourlmain

1. The argument for the NUGV depends to a great extent on improved infrastructure, particularly transport infrastructure. There is no guarantee that these will be achieved in full.

In paragraph 3.62 you propose undertaking considerable proportion of this development without such a guarantee - albeit capped at 3,300 houses. Given that this evening's presentation said that 3,000 homes do not constitute a sustainable garden village, what is your vision for this community pending such improvements or if, indeed they do not materialise?

2. There is no fall-back position in this document. Do you have one, apart from 'mitigation'? If not, what does that say about the status of the 'consultation' process?

3. (More of a wry observation than a question!) The document places emphasis on 'access to nature' and sensitive landscaping etc. Please note that these terms are offensive to country dwellers facing the loss of their habitat!