

Dear European Commission

I note that you are inviting comments on your Working Document 'EU 2020' Strategy.

Officers at Derbyshire County Council wish to make the following comments:

The priority for economic growth and interventions to tackle the recession is supported.

There is overall support for the 3 key drivers of:

- growth based on knowledge;
- social cohesion and empowerment through new skills, innovation and entrepreneurship; and
- competitiveness and increased productivity linked to a greener economy.

With respect to the key drivers there is particular concern that sustainable development is not an integral element. Sustainable economic growth should be the underpinning priority for the Strategy and should be specifically addressed within all priorities to equally promote the three strands of sustainable development i.e. the social, economic, and environmental objectives.

It is also suggested that the Strategy should have a stronger focus on :

- Actions to prevent climate change which will have consequent benefits for sustainable communities.
- Stimulating 'green' markets for renewable energy products, recycling, energy efficiency,
- Environmental measures such as water conservation, and developments, such as green infrastructure..

I hope these comments are helpful.

Regards

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