

Constructing The Countryside

An Approach To Rural Development

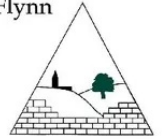
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