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Dear Karen Shaw

Planning consultation: Nottingham City Council Land and Planning Policies Document (Local Plan Part 2)

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 17 May 2019 which was received by Natural England on 17 May 2019.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed main modifications to the Nottingham City Council Land and Planning policies document – revised publication version.

Policy CC3: Water

Natural England welcomes the amendments to this policy, in particular the requirement that all developments should include SuDs and these should be designed to enhance biodiversity value where possible. A particular issue with SuDs is ongoing maintenance which is required to ensure they perform effectively, the changes proposed will help to ensure that any that are installed will perform as they were designed to.

Policy EN2: Open Space in New Development

Green Infrastructure and open space both contributes to, and enhances, the environment and the quality of life, health and well-being of people. It can fulfill many functions that address both natural and human needs, both social and economic. Green Infrastructure networks help to protect and restore naturally functioning ecosystems and provide a framework for development. Its key functions are:

- Enriching habitats and decreasing fragmentation
- Maintaining natural landscape processes
- Protecting historic landscapes, archaeological and built heritage assets
- Helping mitigation of, and adaptation to, the effects of climate change
- Flood alleviation
- Improving air quality and attenuating noise
- Improving quality of life, health and well-being
- Providing opportunity for recreation and access
- Providing sustainable transport routes
- Contributing to a sense of place
- Contributing to economic assets of an area by enhancing its image through a high quality natural environment

Natural England welcomes Nottingham City Councils intention to provide further guidance through a supplementary planning document. We would be willing to consult and contribute to this if given the opportunity.

Policy EN6: Biodiversity

Natural England welcome's Nottingham City Councils intention to develop a supplementary planning document to provide guidance to applicants on how to enhance biodiversity in and around development. We would be willing to consult and contribute to this if given the opportunity.

Policy EN7: Trees

Natural England welcomes the changes to the policy that clarify the exceptional circumstances where these irreplaceable habitats may be lost and only if a suitable compensation strategy exists.

Policy MI1: Minerals Safeguarding

Natural England welcomes the inclusion of the need to consider the unacceptable adverse impacts on the natural environment when determining applications for minerals developments.

Policy PA6/PA9/PA54

Natural England welcomes the inclusion of open space and green infrastructure as a condition for these sites.

Policy PA11

Natural England welcomes the condition to protect the most important habitats.

Policy PA29/PA30/PA43

Natural England welcomes the inclusion of SuDs as a condition for these allocated sites.

Policy PA55/PA56

Natural England welcome the inclusion of an environmental assessment of possible groundwater pollution.

Policy PA72/PA81/PA87

Natural England welcome the inclusion of a green corridor and the possibility of daylighting the culvert on these sites.

Policy PA57

Natural England welcomes the inclusion of Clifton Woods Ancient Woodland as a consideration for the design of this site.

Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment

Natural England notes that we have already been consulted on the shadow HRA and agrees with the conclusion that there is No Likely Significant Effect from the proposed plan modifications.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Caolan Gaffney on [REDACTED]. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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