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Dear Catherine

RE: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE & NOTTINGHAM LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY – PROVISION OF CONSULTATION DRAFT TO SUPPORTING AUTHORITIES

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), prior to the commencement of public consultation. We do not wish to raise any objection to the LNRS going out to public consultation.

As you know we have had opportunity to raise a number of issues with you before this formal stage on various aspects of the LNRS and the proposals contained within it. We are pleased to see that the issues which we discussed have been addressed to the extent that they can be at this stage and look forward to addressing some of the more detailed issues as the LNRS is progressed. Please find attached our current observations on the LNRS based on our previous conversations and areas of the document where we believe further issues need to be addressed.

We look forward to working together on finalising the LNRS.

Yours Sincerely

Matthew Norton
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Newark & Sherwood District Council – Current Observations on the Draft LNRS

The District Council provided a detailed response to your initial consultation in our report dated February 2025. This was then followed up with a TEAMS meeting on 07 March 2025.

The following summarises the Council's current position to highlight areas we consider are still of some concern, and which we consider will need addressing before final publication to enable a recommendation to be put before Cabinet for approval. The first part deals with the issues raised in our February response, the second part considers other issues arising from your most recent consultation.

1. Overlap with sites allocated for development in the relevant local plan

- Subsequent amendments have mostly addressed our initial concerns.

2. Overlap with existing built development

- This mainly involves the buffering approach that has been taken for measures relating to watercourses. This remains as mapped, and we still consider this does not look good visually.

3. Overlap with the Laxton Conservation Area

- This has been addressed by removal of measures from within the conservation area.

4. Poor Representation of Grassland Measures

- As agreed, we are re-evaluating this layer and anticipate suggesting additional areas. These will be provided in a further response with the hope that our suggestions will be accepted and included in the public consultation mapping.

5. Application of Mapping Methodology

- We still have concerns regarding this based on our comments below regarding the Wet Woodland layer.

6. Wet Woodland Layer

Whilst there seems to have been some amendment to this layer, this is still showing many areas where we consider it unlikely that creation of this habitat type would be feasible. On that basis it remains unclear as to how mapped areas have been fully assessed using the mapping methodology and appears to have just been an imported data set. Therefore we continue to have concerns.

7. Strategy Document

Section 1.9 Page 14 states that “...*there is a requirement to review every 3-10 years*”. We consider that this needs to be set period (e.g., every 5 years) so that this can be taken into consideration when plan making.

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