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Matthew Norton,
Business Manager,
Planning Policy & Infrastructure,
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Dear Matthew,

Newark & Sherwood Local Plan - Second Publication Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the Amended Allocations and Development Management DPD (second publication amended –September 2023).

Natural England has no comments on the specific amendments set out in the updated DPD. We made two representations on the previous document (December 2022) which supported both the Habitat Regulations Assessment and the amendments to Policy DM7 regarding the protection of the Birklands & Bilhaugh SAC and the Sherwood ppSPA. We would wish for these two representations to continue and be forwarded to the Inspector. We would however like to draw your attention to a couple of updates since the previous consultation which should be considered within the wording of Policy DM7. The first concerns Biodiversity Net Gain in the last paragraph of the section headed Enhancing Biodiversity, it should be noted that the introduction of mandatory net gain has now been delayed until January 2024. The second update is within the following section Delivering Green Infrastructure, it should be noted that Natural England’s Green Infrastructure Framework has now been launched (since January 2023).

In addition we would suggest that the NE Green Infrastructure Framework, and specifically the Green Infrastructure Planning and Design Guide should be referenced within Policy DM5(b): Design, within section 6, Trees, Woodland, Biodiversity and Green and Blue Infrastructure, or within the accompanying text (please see link [GI Design Guide \(naturalengland.org.uk\)](https://www.naturalengland.org.uk) This Guide provides guidance on how to plan and design good green infrastructure and complements the National Model Design Code and National Design Guide.

If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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