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Your Ref

Our Ref CRTR-POL-2022-37586

Tuesday 3 January 2023

Dear Planning Policy Team

Proposal: Pre-Submission Publication Amended Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD)

Waterway: River Trent

Thank you for your consultation.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is a statutory consultee in the Development Management process.

The Trust is the Navigation Authority for the River Trent, which flows through the district.

We previously provided comments<sup>1</sup> on the Options report version of the DPD, generally supporting proposed text or approaches relating to three policies, as summarised below:

Relevant policy	Summary of previous Trust comments
Policy DM5 –Design	The preferred approach to splitting the policy into two distinct policies, with additional text, should make it clearer to prospective developers and decision makers over what is expected during the design process.
Policy DM7 –Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure	The additional text relating to biodiversity net gain would provide clarity on the need to secure net gains.  Reference to ancient woodland and trees would ensure consideration is given to them.
Policy DM9 –Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment	The proposed text requiring the provision of a description of the heritage assets affected and the need for justification for works affecting assets to be set out within a Heritage Impact Assessment should help make the policy more effective in protecting and appropriately managing these assets

The revised pre-submission version has addressed these comments.

<sup>1</sup> Our ref. CRTR-POL-2021-33695. Letter dated Monday 23 August 2021

It is noted that further guidance has also been provided in relation to Policy DM9, giving further advice on specific approaches to the various components of the Ecological network within the district, ranging from Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas to local sites.

Amongst other things text changes in the Pre-submission version now give further clarity that local sites include Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), which are mapped in the proposed changes policy maps. This is welcomed as parts of the River Trent Navigation are LWS and therefore the text changes will assist in the application of the policy in these areas.

The Trust has no other comments to make regarding the legal compliance, or soundness, of the DPD, or on any other matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

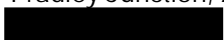
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