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Dear Mr Banks

The following statements is made on behalf of the Sussex Wildlife Trust in relation to the **Submission Adur Local Plan 2016 – Inspector’s Homework**

Comments from our previous consultation responses still stand.

This statement contains responses to the following Homework :

Day 2 Issue 5
Day 3 Issue 1
Day 3 Issue 2
Day 3 Issue 4
Day 3 Issue 5

Yours sincerely

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Representor - Sussex Wildlife Trust
Respondent reference – 25
Day: 2 Issue: 5

The Sussex Wildlife Trust supports the adoption of the suggested wording within the policy. The wording will now ensure that development at this allocation will need to seek the extension Cokeham Brooks Site of Nature Conservation Importance.

On a matter of accuracy we would like to address that there has been a move nationally to refer to all locally designated sites as Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) rather than Sites of Nature Conservation Importance. We recommend that Adur District Council adopts this term. It would be more consistent with neighbouring authorities' plans and in line with Defra's reporting process.

Therefore we support the proposed amendment to this policy and recommend that a minor amendment is made as detailed below in red:

"The development must safeguard and enhance, **and seek the extension of** the Cokeham Brooks Site ~~of Nature Conservation Importance~~ **Local Wildlife Site**"...

The Sussex Wildlife Trust supports the proposed amendments to this policy that will ensure that prior to determination, development will be required to produce a site wide landscape and ecological management plan that will be informed by up to date ecological information.

We welcome the proposed amendments to Policy 6:

A site wide landscape and ecological management plan **that is informed by up to date ecological information** to be produced and implemented to the satisfaction of the local planning authority to ensure the long-term maintenance of retained and newly created on-site habitats.

Representor - Sussex Wildlife Trust
Respondent reference - 25
Day 3 : Issue: 1

We recognised the council's preferred option 1, but remain concerned that a indicative boundary will make it hard for decision makers and consultees to have clearly defined area to base decisions and comments upon.

The policy wording has been amended to indicate the eastern boundary of the built up area is indicative, however the eastern area of the allocation is also the area proposed for the country park. Given the suggested amendments to the policy wording we ask that ecology be incorporated into these amendments. Our suggested minor amendment to the additional wording is detailed below in bold red text:

The eastern boundary of the Built Up Area at New Monks Farm as shown on the Policies Map is indicative. The final boundary will be determined at the planning application stage, having regard to landscape, ecology, drainage and viability considerations. However, any amendments to the boundary currently shown on the Policies Map must be based on a clear and convincing justification.

Representor - Sussex Wildlife Trust
Respondent reference - 25
Day : 3 Issue : 2

The Sussex Wildlife Trust supports the amended changes to the wording of policy 5 with regards to the Country Park, so that it reads 'a minimum of 28 hectares'. It demonstrates that the council is taking a consistent approach with the previously suggested amendments to the policy allowing for 'minimum' employment floorspace and housing figures.

We welcome the proposed amendments to Policy 5 to include the following wording:

A Country Park and informal recreation (approx. **a minimum of 28 hectares**).

Representor - Sussex Wildlife Trust
Respondent reference - 25
Day: 3 Issue: 4

The Sussex Wildlife Trust supports the proposed amendments to this policy that will ensure that prior to determination, development will be required to produce a site wide landscape and ecological management plan that will be informed by up to date ecological information.

We welcome the proposed amendments to Policy 5 to include the following wording:

A site wide landscape and ecological management plan **that is informed by up to date ecological information** to be produced and implemented to the satisfaction of the local planning authority to ensure the long-term maintenance of retained and newly created on-site habitats.

Representor - Sussex Wildlife Trust

Respondent reference - 25

Day: 3 Issue: 5

The Sussex Wildlife Trust supports Adur District Council's approach to ensure that there is consistency across the allocation policies regarding wording of ecological elements.

We welcome the proposed amendments to Policy 7 to include the following wording:

A site wide landscape and ecological management plan **that is informed by up to date ecological information** to be drawn up and implemented **to the satisfaction of the local planning authority** to ensure the long-term maintenance of retained and newly created on-site habitats.

This concludes the Sussex Wildlife Trust comments on the Homework set by the Inspector.