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Part B - Please use a separate sheet for each representation

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3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph(s) Policy Policies Map

4. Do you Consider the Local Plan is:
(Please tick as appropriate)

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|--|-----|----------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| i) Legally Compliant | Yes | <input type="text"/> | No | <input type="text" value="?"/> |
| ii) Sound | Yes | <input type="text"/> | No | <input type="text" value="✓"/> |
| iii) Complies with the
Duty to co-operate | Yes | <input type="text"/> | No | <input type="text"/> |

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More should be considered within the 'Nature Conservation' issues. This should include issues identified in the Lawton Review – we need bigger, better, more and connected areas for wildlife. Therefore issues should include habitat fragmentation – (joining areas of habitat), a need to improve the quality of existing habitat (better) and increasing the area of habitat (more). As well as the SAC and SSSIs, you should consider issues with other nationally and locally designated sites (e.g. Local Wildlife Sites and National Nature Reserves). This could also be guided by the NPPF, biodiversity should be considered at a landscape-scale and this would include wildlife corridors and links and areas that would benefit from habitat restoration or creation. Protected species should also be considered as per European and domestic legislation.

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River Mease Special Area of Conservation is affected by water quality issues, whilst the condition of some Sites of Special Scientific Interest is a concern. In general, areas of wildlife habitat should be bigger, better, more and connected as per the Lawton Review and transcribed into the White Paper and NPPF. Direct issues for this would be that habitats are too small, not good enough quality, there is too little habitat and habitats are fragmented. Identified ecological networks should be protected and enhanced (recommendation 1 of The Lawton Review). The management of LWSs should be improved (recommendation 12 of The Lawton Review is 'Local authorities should take responsibility for the identification and monitoring of Local Wildlife Sites and the management of LWS must be improved.'). Areas containing protected species should be protected and, if possible, enhanced.

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11. Do you Consider the Local Plan is:
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iv) Legally Compliant	Yes	<input type="text"/>	No	<input type="text" value="?"/>
v) Sound	Yes	<input type="text"/>	No	<input checked="" type="text" value="✓"/>
vi) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	<input type="text"/>	No	<input type="text"/>

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To comply with the NPPF, more detail should be given to biodiversity, wildlife corridors and links and areas that would benefit from habitat restoration or creation as well as internationally, nationally and locally protected sites and species.

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Objective 11 - Protect and enhance the natural environment including the districts biodiversity, geodiversity and water environment areas identified for their importance. This should be done to landscape-level, maintaining and creating wildlife corridors and links to enable NW Leicestershire's natural environment to be more resilient to current and future pressures (as per NPPF paragraphs 109, 114 and 117). Protection will be afforded to international, national and locally designated wildlife sites as well as promoting the recovery of priority species (as per NPPF paragraphs 113 and 117).

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25. Do you Consider the Local Plan is:
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x) Legally Compliant	Yes <input type="text"/>	No <input data-bbox="1070 667 1214 734" type="text" value="?"/>
xi) Sound	Yes <input type="text"/>	No <input checked="" data-bbox="1070 768 1214 835" type="text"/>
xii) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes <input type="text"/>	No <input type="text"/>

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The policy does not include much detail on how it will comply with NPPF, specifically it could set out approaches detailed in paragraphs 114 and 117 of the NPPF. Further points should be added to this policy to comply with the NPPF. In the wider context you should also consider the ecological services provided by the natural environment thoroughly and ensure that losses to these are minimised, and if any losses occur that they are fully compensated for.

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Policy En1: Nature Conservation

- (1) Proposals for development will be supported which conserve, restore or enhance the biodiversity in the district.
- (2) We will plan for biodiversity at a landscape-scale (across local authority boundaries) (as per paragraph 117 of the NPPF). We will promote the protection and recovery of priority species populations (as per paragraph 117 of the NPPF).
- (3) We will plan positively for the creation, protection, enhancement and management of networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure (as per paragraph 114 of the NPPF).
- (4) Where a proposal for development would result in significant harm to one of the following and which cannot be avoided, or mitigated or compensated for, then planning permission will be refused:
 - Special Areas of Conservation (SAC);
 - Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
 - Local and Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites (RIGS) and candidate Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites (cRIGS)
 - Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs), Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) and candidate Local Wildlife Sites (cLWSs) which meet the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland LWS criteria;
 - Local and National Biodiversity Action Plan-related (BAP) priority habitats;
 - River corridors;
 - Irreplaceable habitats (defined as Ancient woodlands; Mature plantation or secondary woodland; Species –rich ancient hedgerows; Aged or veteran trees; Species –rich neutral grassland; Acid grassland and heath grassland; Dry and wet heathland; Bogs and Sphagnum pools and Rock outcrops)
 - Priority (or protected) species
 - Habitat networks and wildlife corridors (this links in with planning at landscape-scale as per paragraphs 114 and 117 of the NPPF)
- (5) New development will be expected to create, maintain, enhance or manage existing ecological networks, hotspots and landscape features (such as water courses and waterways, disused railway lines, trees and hedgerows as well as priority habitats such as ancient woodland, species-rich grassland) for biodiversity, as well as for other green infrastructure and recreational uses. (As per paragraph 114 of the NPPF)
- (6) Where a proposed development would attract additional visitors to an area or facility it should be demonstrated how any potential impact upon an area or feature of biodiversity interest will be managed as part of the new development.
- (7) The use of Sustainable Urban drainage Systems (SUDs) to create wetland and 98 marshland habitats will be encouraged subject to the provisions of Policy Cc4
- (8) We will prepare a Supplementary Planning Document to provide more guidance on this issue. This will include an ecological network map – you mention this in 10.11.

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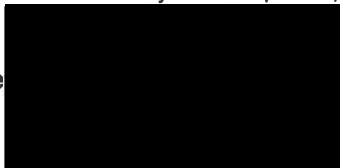
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You mention the Ecological Network report but do not recommend that this should be considered in planning decisions or guide work to create, protect, enhance or manage ecological networks (as per paragraph 114 of the NPPF). This should be used.

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An Ecological Network report for North West Leicestershire has also been prepared. This was a comprehensive survey of the area, attempting to categorise all land parcels. This also revealed clusters and groups of designated sites in areas of high biodiversity value and low intensity management. These clusters form the 'hotspots' and 'stepping stones', which are the main areas for priority nature conservation and are linked to a variety of wildlife corridors such as hedges, watercourses, canals, railways and roads. This should be used when considering planning applications to allow ecological networks to be created, protected, enhanced or managed. (As per paragraph 114 of the NPPF)

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You need to consider all types of corridors, You have picked out hedges as an example, and then linked the middle bullet point just to hedges using bats and birds, whereas the middle bullet point should consider all of the different types of corridors, therefore the species mentioned should exist in all habitat corridors (rivers, streams, areas of species rich grassland, streams, strips of woodland etc.) – you could specifically talk about priority species or consider maximising biodiversity as a whole.

Considering biodiversity as a whole will relate to increasing nature's resilience to future changes such as climate change. (as per paragraph 1094 of the NPPF)

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It is important to look beyond the boundaries of the development site to identify corridors that link habitats in the site, to those outside. The priority for retention of habitat corridors such as hedges, species-rich roadside verges, rivers, streams, and other habitats within the site should be:

- Those that have connectivity beyond, the site;
- Those that link to important habitats within for priority species ~~and foraging bats and birds~~
- Those that are species rich and / or meet the local wildlife criteria

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