



**North West Leicestershire District Council
Local Plan Partial Review:
Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement
Appendix A – Consultation Log**





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1 Introduction

The Scoping Report was consulted on for a six week period between 20th November 2019 and 8th January 2020.

Comments were received from the following consultees including all three statutory consultees and amendments were made to the Scoping Report and the SA Framework in response, as shown in Table A.1 below.

- Environment Agency;
- Historic England;
- Natural England;
- Warwickshire County Council;
- Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust;
- Erewash Borough Council;
- Measham Parish Council;
- Severn Trent;
- Gladman Developments;
- Pegasus Group; and
- IM Properties (Turley).

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Table A.1 Consultation Log

Consultation Body	Issues/Comments Raised	Required Action	Summary of Action Taken
IM Properties (Turley)	<p>With regards to the relevant plans and programmes reviewed by the SA Scoping report, IM Properties would like to request that the following documents are also reviewed in order to more fully appreciate the scale of demand and opportunity for the provision of employment land within NWL and the midlands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicester & Leicestershire Strategic Distribution Study, November 2014. • West Midlands Strategic Employment Sites Study, September 2015. • Coventry & Warwickshire Employment Land Use Study, September 2015. • West Midlands Land Commission Land Report, February 2017. • Leicester and Leicestershire Local Industrial Strategy Prospectus, July 2018. 	Revise Scoping Report	<p>Added Leicester & Leicestershire Strategic Distribution Study and Leicester and Leicestershire Local Industrial Strategy Prospectus</p> <p>Limited information in the West Midlands Strategic Employment Sites Study, Coventry & Warwickshire Employment Land Use Study and West Midlands Land Commission Land Report which is of specific relevance to NWL and the SA. These have not been included within the PPP.</p>
IM Properties (Turley)	<p>Given the limitations of the HEDNA document and the information contained within the additional documents presented above, IM Properties believe that a number of amendments to the key sustainability messages arising from the plans and programmes review are justified and are presented below for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Bullet Point- Amend to: Ensure that there is an adequate supply of employment land, including a choice and range of sites, to meet local needs and to contribute to meeting wider strategic needs and attract inward investment 	Revise Scoping Report	Table 4.1 has been updated and change 'local' need to 'identified' need.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last bullet point - Amend to: The NPPF States that planning policies should recognise and address the specific locational requirements of different sectors, including for storage and distribution operations at a variety of scales and in suitably accessible locations. 		
IM Properties (Turley)	<p>To assist the SA Scoping report and SA Process to capture this opportunity, IM Properties' believe that the paragraph quoted in (iii) above should be amended as follows:</p> <p>NWL is situated in a highly accessible position in the midlands, with excellent road links, a growing international airport and Strategic Rail freight Interchange and, in combination with its close proximity to the UK's expanding automotive industry; it is a highly competitive location for growth opportunities to capture local and regional demand. Due to the location, the area has proved attractive to investors, and this has been linked to the high levels of employment growth in the area.</p>	Revise Scoping Report	Text amended but excluded " in combination with its close proximity to the UK's expanding automotive industry"
Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust	<p>16.1: Proposed SA Framework</p> <p>Biodiversity & Geodiversity, Sub-objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that development results in a net gain in biodiversity and contribute to the achievement of BAP targets. • Counter habitat fragmentation. • Protect sites designated for their nature conservation importance from adverse impacts of development, including the river Mease SAC. <p>To enable the first, second and fourth bullet points to be delivered, you need to establish a baseline. This should be included, up-to-date habitat maps, maps of all statutory and non-statutory designated sites and more species records will be needed. You will then need to map components, identify corridors and also identify opportunities to connect fragmented habitats. This is set out in paragraph 174.a) of the NPPF:</p>	Revise Scoping Report	A new GIS figure (11.1) has been added to show European sites, SSSIs and local wildlife sites and nature reserves. The LRERC report contains some information on wildlife corridors and this has been added to the Scoping Report.

	<p>'174. To protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity, plans should:</p> <p>a) Identify, map and safeguard components of local wildlife-rich habitats and wider ecological networks, including the hierarchy of international, national and locally designated sites of importance for biodiversity; wildlife corridors and stepping stones that connect them; and areas identified by national and local partnerships for habitat management, enhancement, restoration or creation'</p>		
Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust	<p>Change: Protect sites designated for their nature conservation importance from adverse impacts of development, including the river Mease SAC.</p> <p>To: Protect sites (both statutory and non-statutory) designated for their nature conservation importance from adverse impacts of development, including the river Mease SAC and Local Wildlife Sites (LWS).</p>	Revise Scoping Report	Reworded sub-objective
Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust	<p>The first bullet point should include both statutory and non-statutory designated sites – this will include LWS which are some of the most important sites for wildlife in Leicestershire.</p> <p>There should be a biodiversity audit and habitat network and permeability mapping / habitat network mapping. This should identify all sites important at county level (statutory and non-statutory) and wildlife trust reserves and an up-to-date habitat map (you need to know what you have before you can protect it or measure any progress to demonstrate a net gain). It should also look at corridors, linking fragmented habitats and priorities. Wording suggested in comments on table: Summary 1. 'Connecting fragmented habitats' should be included as a bullet point.</p>	Revise Scoping Report	Revised Table 4.1 to include statutory and non-statutory and added data gap about habitat mapping.
Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust	<p>Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) (or pLWS or cLWS) are not mentioned in this section. LWS are some of the most important areas for wildlife in North West Leicestershire and have been identified using robust, scientifically-</p>	Revise Scoping Report	Added details on LWS and other wildlife sites to the scoping report section 11.

	<p>determined criteria and detailed ecological surveys. The criteria are also developed specifically for Leicestershire. LWS are listed as designated sites in the NPPF, therefore to include these would be in line with the NPPF. Equally LRWT reserves are managed for wildlife and should be included as important sites for wildlife / biodiversity. LRWT's Living Landscape projects (Charnwood Forest Living Landscape) and other projects that are improving our natural environment are not mentioned. These should be included in mapping exercises.</p>		
Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust	<p>We are pleased to see that you have included Nature Recovery Network in this section however, the rest of this document does not seem to acknowledge this. To do this you will need to include a biodiversity audit and habitat mapping exercise (both looking at what is there and also it's permeability to different species to address fragmentation / connectivity / corridors). You need to explain what is meant by a Nature Recovery Network and how you will deliver this. The Wildlife Trusts have done work on this.</p>	Revise Scoping Report	A biodiversity audit and habitat mapping exercise has not been carried out by the council. A data gap has been identified.
Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need to protect and enhance SSSI, particularly the sites that are in an unfavourable (declining and no change) condition, to prevent further deterioration and to improve their condition; <p>This should also address the LWS which are in unfavourable condition. Suggested new wording:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need to protect and enhance SSSI and Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), particularly the sites that are in an unfavourable (declining and no change) condition, to prevent further deterioration and to improve their condition 	Revise Scoping Report	Sub-objective has been amended to include LWS.
Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust	<p>There is a need to protect and enhance the wildlife and habitats in the District;</p> <p>This does not address fragmentation and the Nature Recovery Network. This should lead on</p>	Revise Scoping Report	Key messages added to Table 4.1 within the main Scoping Report.

	<p>from the Lawton Report (Making Space for Nature) and the Natural Environment White Paper mentioned in Scoping Report Appendix A: Review of Relevant Plans, Policies & Programmes, Table A3.7: Biodiversity & Geodiversity.</p> <p>Suggested change to wording below (this would be following on from mapping identifying where habitats could be joined up):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to protect, connect and enhance the wildlife and habitats in the District; 		
Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust	<p>The LRWT document 'Charnwood Forest A Living Landscape – An integrated wildlife and geological conservation implementation plan' should have been used as an information source as it contains a wealth of knowledge on this important area.</p>	Revise Scoping Report	Document has been review and added to PPP review. Key messages have been added to Table 4.1 within the main Scoping Report.
Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust	<p>Biodiversity Duty</p> <p>Taken from - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-duty-public-authority-duty-to-have-regard-to-conserving-biodiversity</p> <p>Overview</p> <p>As a public authority in England you have a duty to have regard to conserving biodiversity as part of your policy or decision making. Conserving biodiversity can include restoring or enhancing a population or habitat.</p> <p>A public authority can be a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local authority including a unitary, county, district, community, parish or town council • government department or one of their executive agencies • non-departmental government body • NHS Trust • utility company 	Revise Scoping Report	Added to PPP Review.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> body carrying out functions of a public character under a statutory power 		
Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust	<p>Your duty to have regard for conserving biodiversity</p> <p>You should be able to show your duty to have regard for conserving biodiversity if you have identified ways to integrate biodiversity when you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop policies and strategies and put them into practice manage the planning system manage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> your land and buildings woodlands and nature reserves gardens, parks and public open space community amenities eg sports grounds and cemeteries waste and pollution energy and water wood and plant products develop infrastructure ie roads, buildings or flood defences make decisions about procurement implement economic, environmental and social programmes <p>See Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services as an example of evidence of how the biodiversity duty is being met.</p>	Revise Scoping Report	Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services' has been reviewed and added to the PPP review.
Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust	<p>Source document(s)</p> <p>National Environmental & Rural Communities Act 2006 (NERC)</p>	Revise Scoping Report	Added to PPP Review.
Pegasus Group	<p>No. Appendix A Table A3.3 Housing needs to include the Leicestershire & Leicester Strategic Growth Plan, specifically in relation</p>	Revise Scoping Report	Added Leicester & Leicestershire SGP to section 3.3 of PPP Review appendix.

	<p>to the Northern Gateway as one of the two secondary growth areas.</p> <p>The Message/Issue under the Housing Section for HEDNA needs to refer to the potential for NWLDC to provide for the unmet needs of wider HMA.</p>		<p>Meeting unmet housing need is referred to in Sections 1, 3 and 6 of the Scoping Report.</p>
<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>The following plans require inclusion in Section 14 - Water</p> <p>National</p> <p>National Flood & Coastal Erosion Management Strategy for England (2011) [Currently being reviewed].</p> <p>A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment, 2018</p> <p>The current section refers only to the targets for Clean and Plentiful Water from the plan, however the targets for Reducing the Risks of Harm from Environmental Hazards are also appropriate and should be included in this section.</p> <p>Local:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicestershire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (2015) • Leicestershire Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (revised 2017) • Humber Flood Risk Management Plan (2016) <p>The Humber River Basin District River Basin Management Plan is the key driver for water quality improvement and all Local Authorities have a duty to support its delivery. We suggest making reference to the current plan RBMP2 and the consultation on the next plan which is RBMP3.</p> <p>Severn Trent Water Capital Investment Plan 2020-2025 and Severn Trent Water 25 year Water Resource Management Plan set out their investment priorities for waste water disposal and water for supply which will include those for NW Leicester.</p>	<p>Revise Scoping Report</p>	<p>Added Leicestershire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, Leicestershire Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment, Humber Flood Risk Management Plan (2016) to the PPP review.</p> <p>The 25 Year Environment Plan has already been included. Added target. Added National Flood & Coastal Erosion Management Strategy for England (2011) and 2019 consultation draft.</p> <p>The Humber River Basin District River Basin Management Plan (2015) has been included, as has the RBMP3 consultation.</p> <p>Severn Trent Water Business Plan 2020-2025 has been included in the PPP review. There is not a capital investment plan available on line but it is assumed that it was the business plan that was being referred to.</p>

