

Appendix 1

CHANGES MADE TO THE DRAFT SPDS FOLLOWING THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document

- **Paragraph 1.5**
Amend first sentence to read, "Biodiversity is a term used to describe the richness of the living environment around us it incorporates all species and habitats, both rare and common, and strives to ensure the protection of genetic diversity."
- **Paragraph 1.6, part 5**
Amend to read, "The encouragement to support development schemes that conserve or enhance local biodiversity."
- **Paragraph 1.8**
Amend so that it reads "The Biodiversity Strategy is due for review and will continue to act as a guiding document for SCDC's general approach to biodiversity conservation across its range of functions. The Strategy will act in parallel to the SPD."
- **Paragraph 1.12**
Amend so that it reads, "The supporting text of the Development Control Policies Policy NE/6 states that further guidance on Priority Species and Habitats, sites and the achievement of biodiversity targets shall be set in the Biodiversity Strategy. The Biodiversity Strategy was produced in 2006 and adopted as Council policy. It provided guidance in the interim period to the production of this Biodiversity SPD. This SPD now incorporates those matters from the Biodiversity Strategy that relate to the planning process and provides guidance to support the policies in the LDF. The Biodiversity Strategy will subsequently be reviewed to provide a wider strategy for the conservation of the district's biodiversity, and will be adopted as Council policy."
- **Paragraph 2.2**
Replace web link www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/sub/cntryside/biodiv to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/biodiversitypartnership
- **After Paragraph 2**
Insert a new paragraph, "Biodiversity conservation is intrinsically linked with climate change. Many species rely on the seasonal patterns of our stable climate. As weather patterns subtly change or storm events become more frequent then certain species may experience stresses on their populations. Where species cannot move in order to adjust to rainfall patterns or periods of extreme temperature then they may suffer local extinctions. Habitat fragmentation is a real threat to biodiversity. In order to address this pressure large-scale habitat creation may become increasingly important. At the local level, the choice of traditional planting may need to be re-considered in order to deliver new habitats for the future."

- **Paragraph 3.5**
Replace "adhere" with "have regard".
- **After paragraph 3.5**
Amend Guideline 5 so that it reads, "Where an impact is unavoidable and mitigation alone cannot adequately protect a species or habitat then the provision of compensatory habitat will be expected whilst being proportional to the development scheme".
- **After Paragraph 3.5**
Include additional text in Guideline 1 text box, "Desk based data searches may also be made through the Biological Records Centre."
- **Paragraph 3.12**
The first paragraph is proposed to read as such, "Applications that do not contain the necessary level of biodiversity information may not be validated by the District Council, and may be returned to the applicant undetermined or further information will be requested."
- **Table 1**
The second bullet point of Table1 should be amended to read "all buildings with weather boarding and/or hanging tiles regardless of location."

In Table 1, in the with the box "proposed tree work" include a new bullet point of, "trees with substantial ivy cover" with bullet point against bats and breeding birds. The box detailing aquatic habitats should be amended to include "ditches" so that it reads, "Proposals affecting or within 25m* of rivers, streams, ditches lakes, or other aquatic habitats such as reed beds or fen". The box detailing derelict habitats should be amended to read, "Proposals affecting 'derelict' land (brownfield sites), allotments and railway land especially where piles of dumped materials are to be moved".

- **Paragraphs 3.7 and 3.16**
Amend forth lines, to read, "The survey should be undertaken and prepared by competent persons with suitable qualifications and experience (such as a member of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management) and must be carried out at an appropriate time and month of year, in suitable weather conditions and using nationally recognised survey guidelines or methods where available."
- **Table 2**
Under "regionally and locally designated sites" insert, "Protected Road Verges (PRV)". Amend paragraph 3.68 for consistency, "Protected Roadside Verge" to become "Protected Road Verge". Under "Priority Habitats" insert "Traditional orchards"

Table 2; insert "Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar site)"

- **Paragraph 3.25**
The text box at paragraph 3.25, last sentence, should be have the words "a net" deleted so that it reads "Contribute to biodiversity gain as a means to achieve sustainable development."

In text box at paragraph 3.25 of "The District Council will require development to.." change to Development should.."

- **Paragraph 3.27**
Insert additional text at the end of paragraph 3.27, "It should be noted that it is an offence to spread, or cause to grow, certain plant species listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981."

- **Paragraph 3.29**
At paragraph 3.29 a first sentence amendment is proposed, "The creation and enhancement of habitats adjacent to existing biodiversity rich areas to complement and provide a buffer for biodiversity will be sought."

- **Paragraph 3.30**
Proposed addition to picture annotation at the end of the sentence include "together with the integration of bird boxes".

At paragraph 3.30 included with additional text of paragraph, "This may result through the careful integration of a Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS) within the site"

- **Paragraph 3.34**
Amend text by adding, "where appropriate" and deleting "normally" so that paragraph 3.34 reads, "Applicants, where appropriate, will be required to plant native species hedges to define boundaries in open countryside as opposed to the erection of fences that may hinder the natural movement of animals."

- **Paragraph 3.44**
Addition of "Protected Road Verge" to paragraph 3.44

- **Paragraph 3.62**
Add an additional second sentence of, "The map of the Countryside Enhancement Areas is presented over the page as Map 2." Additional text after paragraph 3.63, "Page left blank intentionally - Insert Map 2 "Countryside Enhancement Areas and Wildlife Corridors".

- **Paragraph 3.45**
To be re-worded as such: "Open space targets - The policy requirements of the adopted DCP DPD policy SF/11 "open space standards" will always be the primary driver for open space provision. However, in order to encourage further access to biodiversity areas through development Natural England's Accessible Natural Green Space Target (ANGST) will be aspired to. The provision of new LNRs is one such mechanism to achieve the target and deliver necessary quality open space for experiencing biodiversity. The ANGST criteria as set out

in "Assessing needs and opportunities: a companion guide to PPG17" require the following:"

- **Paragraph 3.45**

Change at paragraph 3.45 and elsewhere within the document of "English Nature" to "Natural England".

- **After Paragraph 3.49**

Re-write the text box after paragraph 3.49 so that it is: "Where development results in significant harm to a Biodiversity Site or a Priority Species (or Habitat) appropriate planning conditions or obligations will be required to adequately mitigate and / or compensate for the harm."

Insert new paragraph at 3.50, "Mitigation consists of measures taken to avoid or reduce negative impacts on species or habitats. Measures may include: locating a development and its working areas and access routes away from areas of high ecological interest, fencing-off sensitive areas during a construction period, or timing works to avoid sensitive periods. Measures may be employed to protect a habitat from the operational impacts of a development such as a reedbed designed and constructed to prevent silt and road run-off from entering a watercourse."

Deleted former 3.50, "Avoiding net loss - The protection of habitats and species, and the avoidance of biodiversity loss is a key objective of PPS9 and the South Cambridgeshire LDF. Avoidance of adverse impact will therefore always be the preferred approach to biodiversity conservation and issue B1 should always be considered. In exceptional circumstances, where the benefits of a proposal are demonstrated to clearly outweigh the importance of biodiversity conservation, conditions will be imposed and obligations negotiated with the aim of securing compensatory habitat creation to prevent any net loss."

Insert new paragraph at 3.51 to read, "Compensation is the process of providing species or habitats benefits specifically to make up for the loss of, or permanent damage to, biodiversity through the provision of replacement areas. Any replacement area should be similar to or, with appropriate management, have the ability to reproduce the ecological functions and conditions of the resource that has been lost or damaged."

Insert new paragraph at 3.52 to read, " Compensation shall be considered as the last resort, with priority always given to protection in entirety followed by appropriate mitigation. Where the benefits of a proposal are demonstrated to clearly outweigh the importance of biodiversity conservation, conditions will be imposed and obligations negotiated with the aim of securing compensatory habitat creation to prevent biodiversity loss."

Delete numbered points after 3.52 to remove,

1. Facilitate the survival of the species' population.
2. Reduce disturbance to a minimum.
3. Provide adequate compensatory habitat in order to sustain and enhance the

current level of a population.

Insert new paragraph at 3.53 to read, "Mitigation schemes may require advance surveys in order to assess species' numbers and habitat quality. This work may only be possible at certain times of the year due to the seasonal nature of species and habitats."

Insert new paragraph at 3.54 to read, "Some forms of mitigation may be relatively simple such as avoiding the bird breeding season whilst undertaking vegetation clearance. Other requirements such as those associated with avoiding harm to bats during building works at a known bat roost may be more complex. Such works may require the input of a licensed ecologist to oversee the work.

Insert new paragraph at 3.55 to read, "Some compensatory measures can be relatively inexpensive in the scheme of a development, such as the provision of new swift nest sites. Other measures may require the construction of entirely new features, such as a bat roost building and may require planning consent in their own right."

Delete former paragraph 3.53, "It should be noted that the translocation of species and habitats shall only be allowed as a measure of last resort."

Retain former paragraph 3.54 and re-number it as 3.57, "The SCDC Biodiversity Strategy provides further information on methods of mitigation in section 4.4 tables 10 and 11."

- **Paragraph 3.62**
Add an additional second sentence of, "The map of the Countryside Enhancement Areas is presented over the page as Map 2." And insert "Map 2 Countryside Enhancement Areas and Wildlife Corridors" (brought forward from the Biodiversity Strategy).
- **Paragraph 3.66**
Additional text, "Wildlife Corridors are presented on Map 2 (after 3.63)".
- **Paragraph 3.56**
Amend text to include additional text so that it reads, "Securing biodiversity gain - Planning obligations are an important tool in securing mitigation and compensation for losses of biodiversity caused through development, and also for securing biodiversity enhancements. In seeking biodiversity gain priority will be given to actions that help achieve Biodiversity Action Plan targets. In particular, enhancements to create appropriate access to Biodiversity Sites will be sought, especially those where landowners or organisations undertake, or increase opportunities for, environmental education; or provide areas where people engage with and experience biodiversity and thus contribute to people's quality of life. Planning obligations relating to the creation of new wildlife habitats will usually include a provision for the ongoing management of new sites for at least ten years."

- **Paragraph 3.57**
 Addition of text so that the last sentence reads, "Instead assessments will be made on a case-by-case basis in the context of wider viability considerations, taking account of: "

Amend to read," Assessing contribution requirements - Unlike other service areas, contribution requirements for biodiversity features cannot be solely based on housing units or any other form of development."
- **Paragraph 3.59**
 Amend to read, "The SCDC Development Control Policy DPD has identified a broad approach to countryside enhancement and presents it in Policy NE/5 Countryside Enhancement Areas. Similarly, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Partnership has also produced its 50 Year Vision Map (refer to the SCDC Biodiversity Strategy)."
- **Paragraph 3.60**
 Amend "Wandlebury Ring" to "Wandlebury Country Park"
- **Paragraph 3.61**
 Change "Coton Farming and Countryside Reserve" to "Coton Countryside Reserve".
- **Paragraphs 3.55, 3.62 and 3.63**
 Replace "Green Vision" with "Green Infrastructure Strategy".
- **Paragraph 3.64**
 Amend text, first sentence of text box, to read, "Development proposals will be expected to contribute to the enhancement of biodiversity. Where a contribution to off-site works is requested regard will be had to the identified network of Wildlife Corridors and green infrastructure projects for the district."
- **Paragraph 3.63**
 After paragraph 3.63 insert Map 2 "Countryside Enhancement Areas and Wildlife Corridors"
- **Paragraph 3.66**
 Delete paragraph.
- **Paragraph 3.68**
 Amend text to read, "Background information is available from the County's Biodiversity Officer, but for detailed information on sites please contact Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biological Records Centre. Information is also available at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/prv."
- **Paragraph 3.69**
 Replace first sentence of text box with, 'Development should not result in the loss of ancient woodland or its deterioration as a result of a planning consent.'

The words "setting or character" should be replaced by "biodiversity value".

- **Paragraph 3.79**

Insert an additional paragraph; "SUDS can be particularly beneficial in higher density areas due to the dual land-use that they can offer. The natural features offered by grass swales, infiltration strips, reedbeds and ponds will provide habitats for amphibians, birds, mammals and insects whilst also contributing to landscape settings and possibly open space requirements. The Design Guide SPD will provide further details on SUDS."

- **Paragraph 3.80**

Insert additional paragraph, "The success of wildlife areas or SUDS will depend on their proper understanding and management. Where such features are created an applicant may be expected to provide a suitable management statement or management plan. The level of detail is likely to include:

1. A description of the area including a map
2. Species and habitat targets
3. Management prescriptions
4. Persons responsible for undertaking the management
5. Means of reviewing the management plan

- **Appendix 2**

Include references to "Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (commonly known as the Habitats Directive)", "Council Directive 79/409/EEC on the Conservation of Wildlife Birds (commonly known as the Birds Directive)", "Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 (as amended) (WCA 1981)", and "Protection of Badgers Act 1992".

- **Appendix 3**

After useful web sites, include, "Cambridgeshire Green Vision: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/greenvision " and Cambridgeshire Horizons Green Infrastructure Strategy www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/search/results.aspx?siteSearch=Green%20Infrastructure%20Strategy

After useful websites add in, "Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biological Records Centre www.cpbrc.org.uk"

- **Glossary**

Add, "Natural Area - Are identified by a combination of physical attributes such as geology, plant and animal species, land-use and culture. These attributes combine to give an area its distinctive biodiversity."

Listed Building Supplementary Planning Document

- **Section 2.15**

Amend to read; 'The Statutory List includes a description of each building, which refers to some, but not necessarily all, important features of a historic building. This is for identification purposes only; protection covers the entire building and any object or structure fixed to it or within the boundaries of the building. Irrespective of a building's designated grade, every part the building is Listed, including the interior and any later alterations or additions. In addition, any building or structure within the curtilage (land) of the Listed Building, which although not fixed to the building, forms part of the land and has done so since before 1 July 1948, are treated as part of the Listed Building. Refer to PPG15, Section 6.19 for further information.'
- **Section 4.42**

Amend to read; 'Sufficient justification and technical data is required for all listed building applications. There are national and local checklists which require particular documents to be submitted. If the information has not been submitted, it may not be formally registered and the additional information requested.'
- **Section 5.2**

Amend to include the additional bullet point;

 - * All listed buildings, including non-listed older buildings, have potential to provide sites for various forms of wildlife. Breeding birds, such as house sparrows or swifts, may take up residence in the eaves of buildings, and gable ends or weatherboarding may provide suitable crevices for bats. It must be noted that certain species, such as bats, are fully protected in law and their presence is likely to have bearing on the determination of an application and possibly the timing of works. Applications may need to be supported by advance ecological survey information to allow potential wildlife impacts to be properly assessed. A license from Natural England may be required to allow lawful disturbance or destruction of certain habitats (within buildings). Further detail on the range of protected species, biodiversity conservation measures and ecological survey seasons can be found in the SCDC Biodiversity SPD.
- **Section 8.26**

Amend to include the additional bullet point;

'Due regard should also be had to the potential impact of chemical treatments on protected species such as bats. Certain treatments are harm to bats and other wildlife and their use may constitute an offence. Further guidance on the subject can be found in the Bat Worker's Manual, chapter 10 "Timber Treatment, Pest Control and Building Work".'

Mitchell-Jones, A.J, & McLeish, A.P. Ed., (2004), 3rd Edition Bat Workers' Manual, ISBN 1 86107 558 8, published by JNCC'

- **Section 9.1**
Amend to read; 'The Council will require that all new materials are handmade, locally sourced from within the United Kingdom and preferably from the local area and appropriate to the building's age and style, unless otherwise agreed in writing and based upon the particular circumstances of the proposal and building.'
- **Section 11.5:**
Text amended to read 'sash window'.
- **Section 13.1**
Amend to read; 'The previously adopted document regarding Thatching in South Cambridgeshire has been incorporated into this supplemental planning document. This document supersedes the previously approved policy document.'