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Date: 18 January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Newark & Sherwood Plan Review – Second Publication Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD Consultation

Thank you for consulting us on the Second Publication Amended Allocations and Development DPD. We responded to the first publication options consultation in December 2022 where we provided a number of comments.

Environment Agency position

The Environment Agency have been engaged with Newark & Sherwood District Council (N&SDC) since our previous comments in relation to the Tolney Lane site. Please see our detailed comments below.

Tolney Lane comments

The proposed Gypsy and Traveller site allocations at Tolney Lane are located within an area of very high flood risk. A flood risk alleviation scheme has been proposed which involves raising the access road, to protect parts of the site from flooding and provide dry access and egress to the Tolney Lane area.

As part of the DPD consultation the Environment Agency and Newark & Sherwood District Council have agreed upon the terms of a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). The SoCG details our position in relation to the Tolney Lane Gypsy, Roma and Traveller area (GRT) and should be read in conjunction with this response.

Previous comments – flood risk

Our previous comments issued on 2nd December 2022 still stand and these comments along with the previously issued supporting Excel spreadsheet should continue to be referred to.

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Wider EA comments

EA comments on question 13 Core Policy 2A - Entry-Level Exception Housing

We are satisfied that our previous comments have now been addressed through the Second Publication Amended Allocations and Development DPD.

EA comments on question 19 - Policy DM7 – Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure

We are pleased that our previous comments have now been addressed through the Second Publication Amended Allocations and Development DPD. Specifically around clear definitions on the relationship between Blue and Green infrastructure and the requirement to provide Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).

EA comments on question 22 - Policy DM10 – Pollution and Hazardous Materials

We are pleased to see that our comments have been reflected in amendments to the wording within policy DM10 in order to consider potential impacts to the watercourse and water quality.

Yours faithfully

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