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Question 2

Do you consider that this part of the Local Plan is unsound because it is not: (tick all that apply)

Question 3a

Your Comments

Please give details of why you consider that this part of the Local Plan is not legally compliant or unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate.

Thank you for you consultation regarding the above sent to this office on the 5th of August 2020.

I can advise, that following assessment of the submitted documentation, Natural England raise no objection to the proposed draft plan, however we wish to advise the following paragraph be given appropriate weighting within the document.

Biodiversity Net Gain is an element of the Environment Bill, which is currently passing through Parliament, and once Royal Assent has been given it will become mandatory following a 2-year transition period. This will be during the period which this Plan covers, and will mean that all developments seeking permission under the Town and Country Planning Act will be required to achieve a 10% biodiversity net gain as part of the development. We therefore advise that you include a policy to cover this subject.

Question 4

Changes Sought

Please Note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage. There is the opportunity to attach Word or PDF files before submitting your comment.

After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues identified for examination.

Please set out what change(s) to the Local Plan you consider necessary to make it legally compliant or sound. You will need to say why this change will make the Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for any policy or text.

See above