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Draft Local Plan for Worthing Consultation Document October 2018 Comments Form

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SECTION B – COMMENTS

As set out below, this consultation document is formed of four parts. It would be helpful if you provide your comments under the relevant sections together with relevant policy number, paragraph and page numbers. However, if your comments are more general then your comments can be inserted in the box below.

GENERAL COMMENTS

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PART 1 - INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

(this 'part' includes characteristics of the borough/issues and challenges and vision & strategic objectives)

PART 2 - SPATIAL STRATEGY

(this 'part' sets out the proposed spatial strategy (what development and where) and the policies to deliver it)

SP4 Countryside and Undeveloped Coast . We welcome bullet point (f) in relation to the setting of the National Park.

SP5 Local Green Gaps. We strongly support the inclusion of a strategic gaps policy to ensure that each settlement maintains a distinct identity. We would also like this Policy to also recognise the roles that these gaps play in terms of natural capital provision and green infrastructure in line with the NPPF 2018.

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PART 3 - DEVELOPMENT SITES

(this 'part' includes details of the proposed future development sites)

Allocation 2 Land West of Fulbeck Avenue. We do not support the development of this greenfield site as it appears to be functionally linked to the adjacent Local Wildlife Site.

Omission Site 1 Land East of Titnore Lane. We support your conclusion that this site is not suitable for development due to impacts on the Local Wildlife Site and ancient woodland. We support the comment at the end of the plan relating to the change in the BUAB.

PART 4 CORE POLICIES - HOMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS (Policies CPI – CP6)

**PART 4 CORE POLICIES – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
(Policies CP7 – CPI0)**

**PART 4 CORE POLICIES – LOCAL ECONOMY
(Policies CPI1 – CPI4)**

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PART 4 CORE POLICIES – HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (Policies CPI5 – CPI6)

PART 4 CORE POLICIES – ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE (Policies CPI7 – CP23)

CP19 Biodiversity. We strongly support this policy, however the wording needs to be reviewed in some areas, for example; 4.245 “It will also work towards increasing appropriate species of woodland cover for the benefit of people and wildlife as well as to improve landscape quality.” This needs clarification.

In terms of the Policy itself we suggest minor amendments to points;

“c) Proposals for development in, or likely to have an adverse effect (directly or indirectly) on a Local Wildlife Site (including ancient woodlands, ancient/veteran trees, wildlife corridors and stepping stones) or Local Geological Site will not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that **reasons for the proposal** outweigh the need to safeguard the nature conservation value of the site/feature. Where an exception is considered the mitigation hierarchy will apply.”

Perhaps this should be ‘benefits of the proposal’ instead of ‘reasons?’

“f) Major development should take account of and incorporate biodiversity features at the design stage and where possible environmental net gains should be achieved.”

We would like the requirement for net gains in biodiversity to be clear (i.e not ‘where possible’) with greater alignment to the NPPF 2018.

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**PART 4 CORE POLICIES – TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIVITY
(Policies CP24 – CP25)**

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