Hi,

Please find attached comments from Rushcliffe Green Party on the local plan part 2. Generally we support the provisions in the plan.

Best wishes
Rushcliffe Green Party response to Rushcliffe Borough Council
Local Plan Part 2

Policy 1 Development Requirements

Paragraph 4 should include a reference to solar thermal and PV panels in terms of overshadowing. Add at end: “nor lead to overshadowing of photovoltaic or solar thermal panels”

In order to comply with Rushcliffe’s policy on the reduction of single-use plastics an additional point 12 as follows: “provision is made to enable the refilling of water containers in the form of water fountains”

Policy 12 Housing Standards

We agree with Rushcliffe nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group’s comments on including provision to benefit wildlife in new housing. This seems to be an appropriate place to add: “Housing standards should include the provision of bird and bat boxes, particularly swift boxes, and other infrastructure to encourage wildlife such as hedgehog gaps within fencing.”

Water Efficiency Standards

Paragraph 3 Add: “New dwellings should incorporate structures to conserve and reuse grey water.”

Section 5, Policy 16 Renewable Energy:

In part 1 reword as follows: “Proposals for renewable energy and energy storage schemes will be granted planning permission…”

Delete part 2 a), b) and c) as this is contrary to justification section 5.2

In 5.1 Justification: add: “energy storage schemes associated with renewable energy include battery energy storage, hydrogen energy storage and vehicle to grid systems.”

Policy 17 Managing Flood Risk

In paragraph 1, a, iii: add “basements” to read: “householder development including sheds, garages within the curtilage of the dwelling and basements;”

In paragraph 2 reword as follows: Proposals will be expected to include mitigation measures which protect the site, encourage biodiversity and manage any residual flood risk…

Policy 19 Development Affecting Watercourses
In b) add to include underground water flows as follows: does not have an adverse impact on the functions and setting of any watercourse and its associated corridor, including underground watercourses”

In e) change to state the following: “retains a minimum 10 metre buffer…”

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Section 12 Green Infrastructure and the Natural Environment

In 12.3 add “Major transport corridors such as the working railways and trunk roads also provide opportunities to provide green infrastructure”

In 12.4 First sentence to be re worded to read: “The primary purpose is to enhance biodiversity and wildlife migration and also to provide opportunities for walking, cycling and horse riding (whether for leisure purposes or travel).”

In 12.7 Reword to read: “Green infrastructure should increase biodiversity and benefit wildlife. It is multifunctional, delivering a variety of benefits for local communities, businesses, visitors and tourists.”

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Section 12 Green Infrastructure & the Natural Environment

Policy 34 Green Infrastructure & Open Space Assets Point 1 additional bullet point: “hedgerows”

Part 3 Add: “Wildlife is intrinsically part of green infrastructure and there should be minimum disruption caused”

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Policy 35 Green Infrastructure Network and Urban Fringe

In paragraph 2 delete “where possible and appropriate”

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Biodiversity and Geodiversity

12.20 Reword to read: "…and that development of non-designated sites or wildlife corridors will only be permitted where there is overriding need"

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Policy 37 Trees and Woodland

Paragraph 1 “should” to be replaced by “must” to read: …if removal of the tree(s) is justified it must be replaced"

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