



Newark and Sherwood Amended Core Strategy DPD

MATTER 25 – ShAP3

**Statement on behalf of Newark and
Sherwood District Council**

January 2018

Question 25: Is there an insoluble tension between heritage and nature conservation and the level of development envisaged in Policy ShAP3 (Role of Edwinstowe)?

- 25.01 The District Council considers that ShAP3 facilitates sustainable development in Edwinstowe while supporting the conservation of natural and heritage assets.
- 25.02 Potential impacts on the Birklands and Bilhaugh Special Area of Conservation (SAC) are of particular importance. The largest part of the SAC is close to the former Thoresby Colliery and serious concerns about air quality, in particular nitrogen deposition caused by traffic generated by the proposed redevelopment, emerged during consultation on the Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report (HRA/02). The Environment Agency (EA) [Representor 031] and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) [Representor 009] expressed concerns at this stage, and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust (NWT) [Representor 024] echoed these concerns when commenting on the application to redevelop the former Thoresby Colliery (16/02173/OUTM).
- 25.03 In response to the concerns about nitrogen deposition, the Habitats Regulations Assessment - Screening Report (HRA/02) was carried out. This carried out a much more detailed analysis of the issue of potential nitrogen deposition on the SAC. Representors [31, 9 and 24] were satisfied with the methodology and conclusions of this report and it was agreed that significant harmful effects on the SAC caused by nitrogen deposition were not likely.
- 25.04 Beyond the issue discussed above, ShAP3 makes provision for the District Council to protect and enhance the biodiversity and nature conservation assets around Edwinstowe. This is consistent with Spatial Policy 9 – Selecting Appropriate Sites for Allocation, Core Policy 9 – Sustainable Design, Core Policy 12 Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure, Core Policy 13 – Landscape Character (CS/01-02), Policy DM5 – Design, and Policy DM7 – Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure (CS/05). Nature conservation is also addressed in detail in ShAP4. This will ensure that there is no conflict between nature conservation and the level of development envisaged in ShAP3.
- 25.05 Although heritage is not addressed specifically in ShAP3, ShAP4 requires that applications for new development on the former Thoresby Colliery site include a Heritage Impact Assessment. This will provide a thorough historic record and assist in the identification of buildings to be retained due to their historical significance. Issues relating to character, setting and heritage are also discussed in depth in the justification accompanying ShAP4, including heritage assets in the wider area. Any development proposal will also be assessed against other relevant policies, including Spatial Policy 9 – Selecting Appropriate Sites for Allocation, Core Policy 14 Historic Environment, and Policy DM9 – Protecting and Enhancing the Historic

Environment (CS/01-02). This will ensure that there is no conflict between the conservation of heritage assets and the level of development envisaged in ShAP3.