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Hello,

I have registered and tried to fill in the survey, but for each part of the plan, it only goes as far as the legally compliant section and I cannot find out how to give any further comments via this survey, which is very disappointing and frustrating. I am an intelligent person, and if I find it impossible to navigate the survey and add comments, I don't think it will be of any use to the general public. You should make it much easier to comment on each section- has anyone tried to do this to see what the problems are? I didn't even know what 'make a representation' meant.

Hence, I am e mailing you.

#### Objectives for a green city-

Essentially I would like the plan to not only safeguard what nature and natural landscapes there are, but to enhance, restore and expand them- in order to mitigate climate change and the biodiversity crisis, which SCC has already voted for. Where is the vision for linking green spaces together?

#### SPI Overall growth Plan

Where is the incorporation of the 2011 South Yorkshire Green Infrastructure Plan? Why is there no reference to the Building with Nature Standards for Local plan policies? Where is the reference to 'Access to Nature- capacity and demand maps' 2021?

Map 17 does not include the Nature Recovery Network.

#### 4.4

NW sub area policy SA2- I support the fact that the site at Storrs Lane was refused planning permission and is not allocated to housing

NE sub area policy SA3- I support the Smithy Wood site has not been allocated for development- this is irreplaceable ancient woodland which should be preserved at all costs.

SE sub area SA5f- I support the local green space at Owlthorpe fields

S sub area SA6f- I support a local green space at Bolehill woods

#### 3. Part 1 Vision, spatial strategy, sub areas and site allocations

5..24 Sheffield's blue and green infrastructure is NOT represented on map 17.

I suggest an addition that valuable greenspaces which will be protected from inappropriate built development, are shown on the map as Urban green space zones, greenbelt or geological sites for clarity and to make absolutely clear that these are not for development.

#### 4.8 A green city

##### Development and Biodiversity-

8. Examples of swift bricks is not sufficient - there should be incorporated swift/sparrow/bat boxes in all new builds, by law.

9. Sites should NOT be cleared before the baseline BNG is measured.

8.27 It should be recognised and added that woodlands and hedgerows also contribute to biodiversity, mitigating air quality, traffic calming and mental wellbeing.

Trees should not be removed from a site prior to planning permission, and if they have been, this should be taken into account with the assessment for baseline BDG.

8.31 There should be no development in areas subject to highest risk of flooding- there should be no scenarios where in the text it says ' but where development does take place..'

This is incompatible with GS9 a-e

All rivers and tributaries are designated wildlife sites and should be adequately protected for the local wildlife and to prevent flood risk to properties. There should be at least a 10m buffer zone free from built development, including formal landscaping (so says the Environment agency report for the site in the Loxley Valley). A larger buffer zone would be preferable.

Regards,

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