

DETAILS OF YOUR COMMENT

Part B

Please read the accompanying notes before completing Part B. The notes explain what we mean by soundness and legal compliance. These are questions that we are expected to ask consultees.

Please use a new Part B for each point you are commenting on. Attach all completed forms to Part A.

Q1. Which part of the document do you wish to comment on? (please give the relevant paragraph or policy number)

Paragraph

Policies Map

Policy Number

Sustainability Appraisal

Q2. Do you consider that the document:

(a) is legally compliant? Yes No

(b) is sound? Yes No

(c) complies with the duty to co-operate? Yes No

Q3. Do you consider that the document is **unsound** because it is not: (tick as appropriate)

(a) positively prepared? (c) effective?

(b) justified? (d) consistent with national policy?

Q4. Please tell us below why you consider the document to be unsound, not legally compliant or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. If you do believe the document is sound, legally compliant, or complies with the duty to co-operate you may use the box to explain why.

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Q5. What change(s) do you consider necessary to make the document sound or legally compliant? Please explain why this change will achieve soundness or legal compliance. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination.) It would be helpful if you could suggest revised wording for the policy or text in question.



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Policy G5

Q4: This Policy establishes additional requirements beyond habitat creation to achieve Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) in line with national requirements. The Policy requires major development to introduce features to improve the environment for priority species through new resources attached to new built development. These requirements need to be site, and scheme specific and responsive to local features and the built development that is proposed to ensure that it is suitable for the environment that it is in.

The Council should be conscious of the Government's guidance in relation to BNG where Authority's seek higher BNG quantum over the 10% statutory requirement, particularly Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 74-005-2023 where it states that:

Plan-makers may seek a higher percentage than the statutory objective of 10% biodiversity net gain, either on an area-wide basis or for specific allocations for development. However, such policies will need to be evidenced including as to local need for a higher percentage, local opportunities for a higher percentage and any impacts on viability for development. Consideration will also need to be given to how the policy will be implemented.

Q5: Logikor consider that this Policy should be amended or removed from the Plan, unless additional robust justification is provided in support of the policy's requirements, in accordance with the draft national policy guidance pursuant to addition Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirements.

Logikor remain concerned that the significant and potentially duplicate requirements of Policies G2 to G5, whilst commendable, results in an unjustified and inappropriately prohibitive approach to achieving ecological enhancement and biodiversity gains on sites in Oxford.