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Dear Ms Shorland

#### EAST LINDSEY LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Thank you for your letter dated 8 March 2017 regarding the recommended minor modifications to the East Lindsey Local Plan. The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust only has comments to make on the minor modifications that are relevant to the Trust's previous representations submitted in January 2017.

##### *Core Strategy*

Page 102/103, paragraph 4 – The Trust welcomes the addition of new text to this paragraph as suggested by LWT and the Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership (GLNP). However, the text that we recommended deleting is still included within the modified wording. We would suggest that this paragraph is further modified as suggested in our response submitted in January 2017.

Page 103, paragraph 7 – The Trust welcomes this amendment to insert wording relating to Nature Improvement Areas (NIAs). This modification resolves our concerns in response to SP24 – Biodiversity and Geodiversity and the lack of reference to NIAs.

##### *Settlement Proposals*

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust appreciates the efforts made by East Lindsey District Council to try and address our concerns regarding the omission of a number of Local Sites from the settlement maps. The additional text suggested for a number of settlements to highlight the presence of Local Sites is an improvement but we still feel it would be better to have the Local Sites mapped so that developers and members of the public can see where they are. We would urge your Authority to come to an agreement with the GLNP to obtain up to date Local Sites data to enable the settlement maps to be updated. Given that the proposed modifications have not fully addressed our concerns we would request that our original comments and this letter are submitted to the Inspector.

On page 423 it states that LWT notified the Council of sites to be protected as Sites of Nature Conservation Importance in 1993 and then carries on to imply that no further update was provided to the Council. LWT provided ELDC with information on County Wildlife Sites (CWS) in 2005 and the sites we have pointed out as

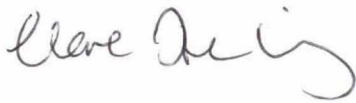


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missing on the settlement maps were included in the information provided. CWS is an alternative name for SNCIs which was used for a period of time in the 2000s. More recently ELDC has had a Service Level Agreement with the Lincolnshire Biodiversity Partnership (now the GLNP) and would have received up to date Local Sites data from the LBP until 2010 when the SLA was not renewed. It is therefore incorrect to say that ELDC has not received information on SNCIs since 1993.

I hope the above comments assist the Council and the Inspector in terms of understanding where our original representations still stand or where proposed modifications address concerns raised previously. If you have any questions on the attached or require further clarification on the Trust's position please do not hesitate to contact Tammy Smalley, Head of Conservation ([tsmalley@lincstrust.co.uk](mailto:tsmalley@lincstrust.co.uk)).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Clare Sterling'.

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