

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision

Group Leader Plans Policy and Place

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Planning and Regeneration

Recommendation

To agree that the attached representations are submitted to DEFRA as Charnwood Borough Councils response to the consultation on Biodiversity Net Gain Regulations and Implementation.

Reason

The purpose of the consultation is to seek the views of the Local Planning Authority in relation to how biodiversity net gain will work in practice and will be applied to Town and Country Planning Act development, and, at a higher level Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.

The Councils response to the consultation will be used to shape developing legislation, process and guidance.

Authority for Decision

To respond to consultation documents in relation to those council functions for which he or she has responsibility, in consultation with the lead member.

Decision and Date

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Background

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs has held a 12 week consultation on the Biodiversity Net Gain Regulations and Implementation between the 11th January and 5th April 2022. Officers have provided comments to the consultation on how the implementation of Biodiversity Net Gains will work in practice and the impacts this may have on the Councils

planning and ecology services. The officers draft response has sought the views of the Cabinet Lead Member for Planning.

Financial Implications

None

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
By the Local Planning Authority not responding to the consultation may lead to reputational risks.	Remote	Minor	Responding to the DEFRA consultation.

Key Decision:

No

Date included on Forward Plan

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Background Papers:

Consultation response