FULL NAME	DUTY TO COOPERATE	LEGALLY COMPLIANT	SOUND	WHICH PART	WHICH PARAGRAPHS	WHICH POLICY	WHICH POLICY MAP	WHICH DIAGRAM	WHICH TABLE
Mrs Annette Groom	Yes	Yes	No	Policy		Those concerning leisure facilities, habitat provision and the environment.			

WHY PLAN NOT SOUND	MODIFICATIONS	HEARINGS	HEARING SESSIONS
This is why I believe the plan is unsound. It does not meet the provisions for leisure facilities, habitat protection and environment with respect to Watermead Country Park North. Various publications and proposals from the council over the past few years have promised improvements to the facilities at Watermead Park, including a visitors' centre. These have not happened. Toilets The park is currently without even public toilets and has not had any for over a year. As a local, when I am in the park I am frequently asked by visitors where the toilets are and I am embarassed to have to tell them that there aren't any. I feel this give a poor impression of Charnwood to visitors from outside the area. The increased number of people using the park during the pandemic has resulted in many people resorting to using the bushes as toilets, thereby damaging both habitats and the environment. Furthemore, as the weather gets colder, many older local people will find it difficult to use the park for their walks as there are no toilets. There is a notice in the park saying that temporary toilets have been ordered but it doesn't say when this will happen. Staffing Understandably, cuts in funding have resulted in cuts in staffing. Before the cuts, Watermead Park North had five full-time rangers, or 25 man-days. Now, it has one full-time ranger and three who each do two days a week, or 11 man days. In other words, less than half the previous staffing. This is not enough. The present rangers do an excellent job but there should be more of them. Visitors' Centre This was promised some time ago.	Watermead Park North has the most diverse habitats and wildlife of any Charnwood park and should be promoted and celebrated as such. Toilets Provision should be made for toilets at Watermead Park North with a definite timetable for this to happen. Temporary toilets might bridge the gap but a proper, permanent toilet block is badly needed. Staffing There should be at least one more full-time ranger at Watermead Park North. Visitors' Centre This should be built in consultation with and staffed by, people with knowledge of the habitats and wildlife found in the park. Perhaps this could be done in conjunction with bodies such as The Leicester and Rutland Wildlife Trust, The Woodland Trust etc.	No	