



Green Infrastructure (GI) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Consultation Statement | January 2024

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1.0 Introduction

Purpose of this statement

- 1.1 It is important that the council engages with the community throughout the preparation of the Local Plan and other planning policy documents. In doing this we need to ensure we follow the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and the Regulations¹ governing the development plan process.
- 1.2 In this case we were consulting on a draft supplementary planning document (SPD) in relation to Green Infrastructure (GI) which, upon adoption, will be used to provide additional information and guidance to Policy IN2, but will also add to Policy IN3, IN4, IN5 and IN6 of the Mansfield Local Plan. The SPD will be a material planning consideration upon adoption. This consultation took place for six weeks between 8 September 2023 and 20 October 2023.
- 1.3 This statement explains how we consulted and how we have taken the views of consultees into consideration during the preparation of the final SPD.

Green Infrastructure (GI) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

- 1.4 The GI SPD provides guidance on what types of Green Infrastructure could be delivered through new developments, and protecting, enhancing and managing the existing GI networks within the district.
- 1.5 The GI SPD provides more detailed information about:
 - Providing a 'checklist' of GI considerations integral to any scheme.
 - Setting out the process – stages that developers and other site promoters should follow to ensure that GI can be satisfactorily built into new development
 - Explaining how the 'functions and key assets' of the GI network can be protected and enhanced
 - Explaining how GI connections could be made from development to the wider area
 - Explaining what constitutes 'adverse GI impacts' and how to avoid them

¹ Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

- Elaborating on how GI can contribute to climate change mitigation and improve our overall resilience to climate change impacts
- Identifying gaps in GI that development could remedy or GI in poor condition that could be improved
- More detailed guidance on achieving new GI or improvements to existing GI:
 - How new GI should be considered in new developments (on or off site)
 - Developer requirements in demonstrating that the GI policy has been complied with.
- Setting out how GI will be secured by developer contribution / legal agreement (IN2(2))
- An indication (map based) of the key GI areas based on the 13 strategic green infrastructure networks or areas within the Adopted Local Plan and those in the Green Infrastructure Study (Recreation, Nature Conservation, Climate Change, Historical Importance and visual & landscape character)
- How the GI SPD links in with the Green Infrastructure Study

Structure of this Statement

1.6 This statement is structured as follows:

- **Section 2** gives details on who was consulted including the list of specific and general consultation bodies,
- **Section 3** sets out how the consultation was undertaken,
- **Section 4** outlines who responded including the chosen response methods,
- **Section 5** provides a summary of the main issues raised and our response, and
- **Section 6** provides a conclusion to the consultation.

2.0 Who was consulted?

2.1 We sent a notification, either electronically or by post to 1,853 individuals and organisations registered on the local plan database. The notification explained the purpose of the consultation event and invited representations. This included the following specific and general consultation bodies.

Specific consultation bodies:

Arqiva	Mobile UK
Ashfield District Council	N Power
Bassetlaw District Council	National Grid Property
Bolsover District Council	Natural England
BT Plc	Network Rail
Chesterfield Borough Council	Newark & Sherwood District Council
Clipstone Parish Council	NHS Mansfield & Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group
Coal Authority	NHS Property Services
Defence Infrastructure Organisation	North East Derbyshire District Council
Department for Transport	Norton and Cuckney Parish Council
Derbyshire County Council	Nottingham City Council
E.ON Central Networks	Nottinghamshire County Council
E.ON Energy Ltd	Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service
East Midlands Councils	Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
East Midlands Trains	Perlethorpe-cum-Budby Parish Meeting
Edwinstowe Parish Council	Rainworth Parish Council
Environment Agency - Lower Trent Area	Rufford Parish Council
Gedling Borough Council	Severn Trent Water Ltd
Health & Safety Executive	Severn Trent Water Ltd. (Mansfield)
Highways England	Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust
Historic England	Shirebrook Town Council
Homes England	Telefonica O2 UK Ltd
Home Builders Federation	Virgin Media
Hutchison 3G UK Ltd	Vodafone Ltd
Mansfield and Ashfield Strategic Partnership	Warsop Parish Council

General consultation bodies:

Age Concern Nottinghamshire	Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield
Age UK Nottinghamshire	National Farmers Union
Albert Street Residents Association	Health & Safety Executive
Ancient Monuments Society	Mansfield 2020 Ltd
APTCOO	Mansfield Community and Voluntary Service
Ashfield Links Forum	Nottinghamshire Biological and Geological Records Centre
British Horse Society	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
Citizens Advice Bureau	Planning Inspectorate
Country Land and Business Association Ltd	Royal Society for the Blind (Nottinghamshire)
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce	Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership	Sport England
Derbyshire County Council	Stagecoach East Midlands
Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group	Sure Start Meden Valley
Disability Nottinghamshire	Sure Start Ravensdale
Forest Town Community Council Planning Sub-Committee	The Woodland Trust

3.0 How was the consultation undertaken?

3.1 A number of consultation methods were used in the preparation of the draft GI SPD to invite people's views and comments on it. The list below sets out the details of the methods of engagement used.

Pre-consultation engagement

3.2 In developing the draft GI SPD there were various consultations carried out with other teams at the Council as well as with Natural England and Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Wildlife Trust. The comments made were fed into the document.

Statutory requirements

3.3 There is a statutory requirement to consult on SPDs. The consultation period was held for six weeks (between 8 September and 20 October 2023).

- **Consult with specific and general consultation bodies** - Consultation was undertaken with the specific and general consultation bodies recorded in the local plan database. All organisations were sent a notification either electronically or by post including details about the consultation together with a link to the relevant webpage (<https://mansfield-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/>) where access to the report and online questionnaire was made available. This letter was also emailed / posted to all members of the public on the database and can be viewed in Appendix 1.

Statement of Community Involvement

3.4 We made sure that we were in accordance with the Council's 2022 Statement of Community Involvement which was council policy at the time:

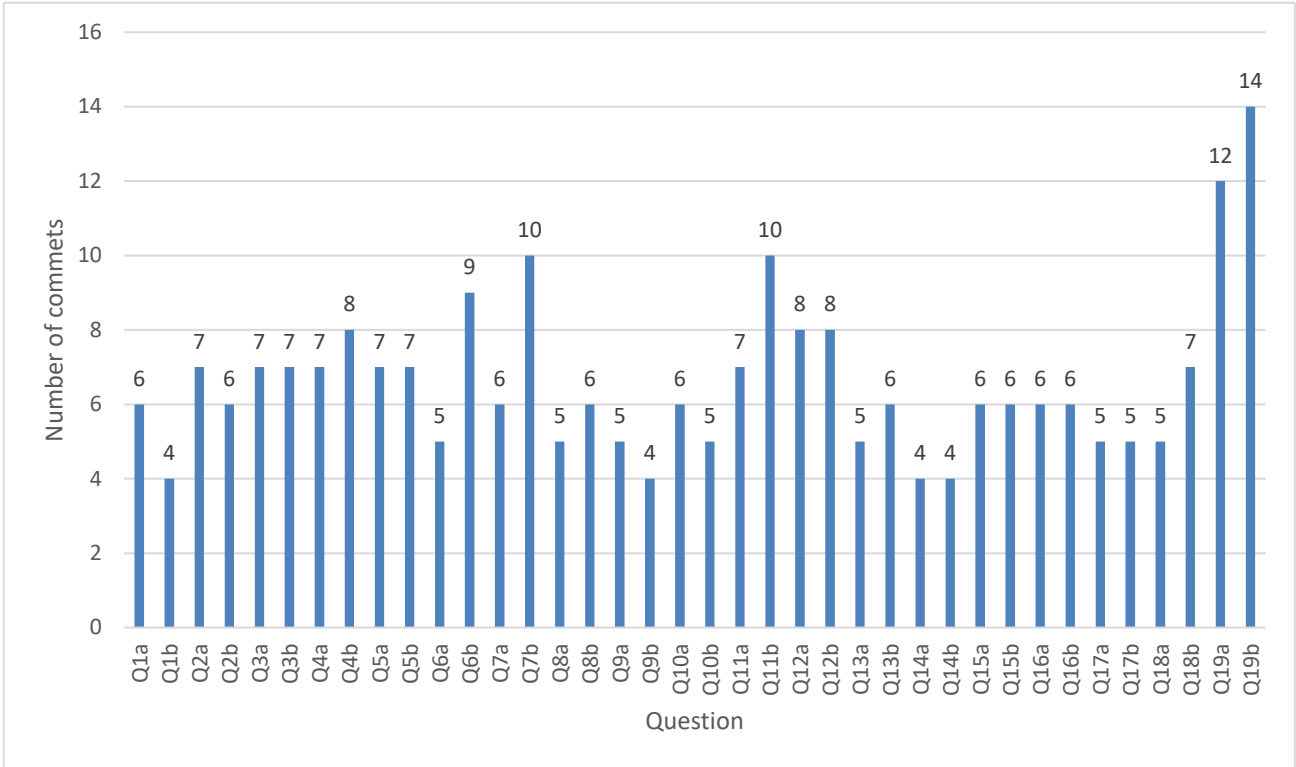
- **Making copies of documentation available for inspection** - Copies of the document, posters and the questionnaire were made available to view at the following venues:
 - Mansfield District Council - Civic Centre, Chesterfield Road South
 - Clipstone Village Library - First Avenue
 - Forest Town Library - Clipstone Road West
 - Ladybrook Library - Ladybrook Place

- Mansfield Library - West Gate
 - Mansfield Woodhouse Library - Church Street
 - Rainworth Library - Warsop Lane
 - Market Warsop Library - High Street
 - Warsop Town Hall – Church Street
- **Letters / Emails** - Notifications were sent either electronically or by post explaining the purpose of the consultation and how to comment to 1,853 individuals and organisations registered on the Local Plan database. A copy of the letter is included in Appendix 1.
 - **Website** - A PDF copy of the document was available to view and download from the Council's website. The document was also available on the Local Plan Consultation Portal to allow people to comment online.
 - **Press releases** - A press release was issued by the Council. This gave details of the consultation period and where copies of the document were available for viewing. A copy is included in Appendix 1.
 - **Social media (Facebook and Twitter)** - The Council's Facebook page 'Mansfield District Council - My Mansfield' was updated during the consultation period to notify people about the consultation and provide them with links to the consultation portal. At the time of writing, the Council had 20.9k followers on Facebook.
 - Tweets and posts were sent via the Council's X / Twitter account ([@MDC_News](#)) and LinkedIn account (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/mansfield-district-council/>) to help raise awareness of the consultation, please see Appendix 1 for details. At the time of writing, the Council had 7,136 followers on Twitter and 3,000 on LinkedIn.
 - **Any other business** – Officers have raised awareness of the GI SPD, when appropriate, at other meetings they have attended.

4.0 Who responded?

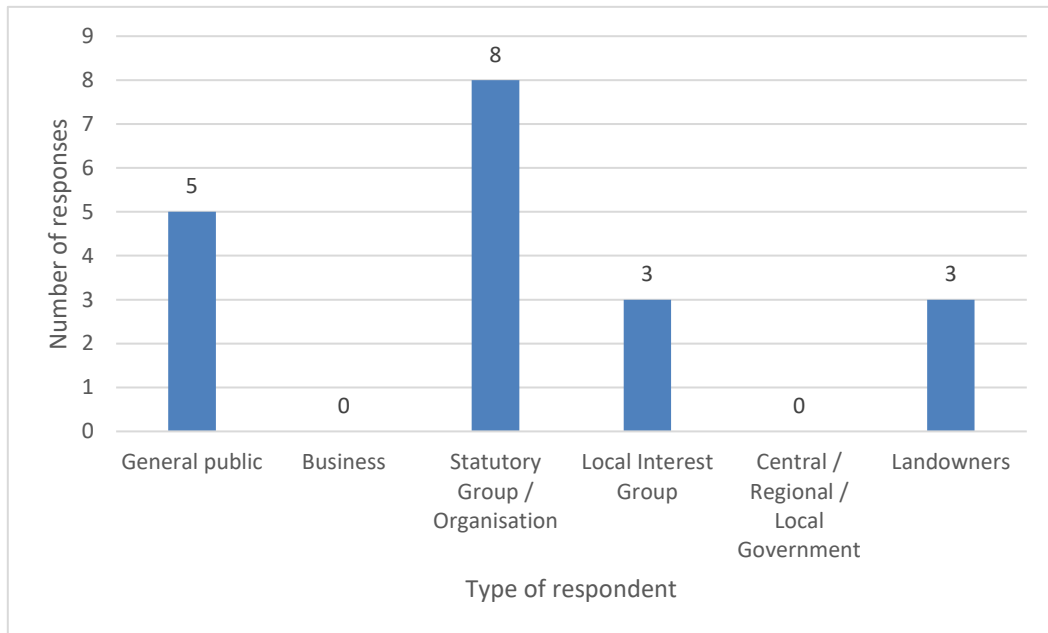
- 4.1 From those notified about the consultation on the draft GI SPD, a total of 19 people / organisations responded, although, as shown below, many didn't answer every question. Please see section 5 for more details.

Number of comments per question:



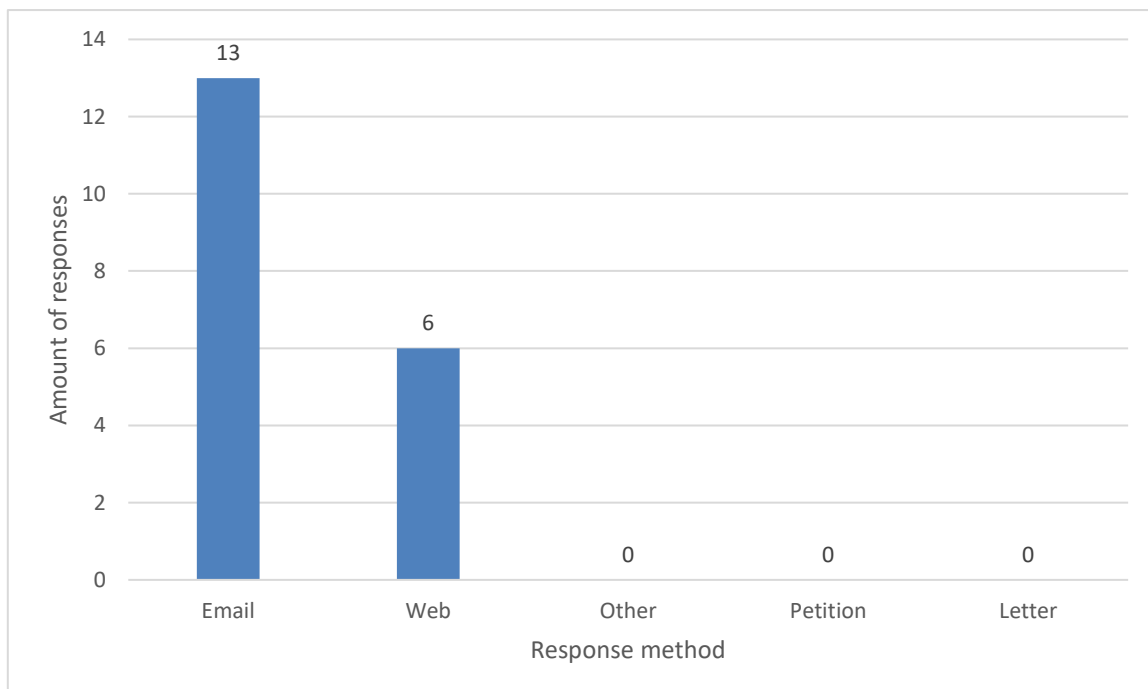
4.2 The following breakdown of respondent type shows...

Respondent type:



4.3 The majority of comments were submitted via email. The chosen method of response of all the respondents is set out below.

Response method:



5.0 What was said and what was our response?

5.1 A summary of the comments received, and our response is set out below.

Organisation (if applicable)	Comment ref	Officer summary	MDC response to comment / Action
Q1a – Do you agree with the topics proposed to be covered in paragraph 2.1 of the SPD?			
Q1b – Reason(s):			
Individual	GI/1	The trees on Westgate need to be replaced.	This is a detailed matter that does not fall within the remit of the Green Infrastructure SPD
National Highways	GI/2	We have considered the contents of the SPD and as the plan does not introduce any new development sites that are likely to impact the safety and operation of the SRN, we have no other comments to make.	Noted
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	These all appear to be appropriate topics for detailed guidance, but we note that item 10 mentions the 13 strategic green infrastructure networks or areas, but there is also a 14th area covering Lindhurst that features in the July 2018 GI study that should now be treated as a GI area. In that GI study document reference is made to the potential for Lindhurst to be formally adopted as a GI area in the future, and this seems like an appropriate opportunity to formalise such an adoption.	Agreed. The Green Infrastructure Study identifies Lindhurst as a potential 14 th area of Green Infrastructure. It is important to acknowledge that this related to areas outside of the proposed mixed use development. Lindhurst has been added as a 'potential' area of GI as part of emerging development proposals. Paragraph 2.1 (10) has been amended to include a bullet point to state a further potential area of GI could be delivered as part of mixed use development proposals.

Nottinghamshire County Council	GI/6	Nottinghamshire County Council support sections 2 and 3 of the draft GI SPD	Noted
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	We consider the topics to be covered are comprehensive.	Noted.
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	HLM welcome the topics covered by the SPD.	Noted.
Sport England	GI/14	Sport England would recommend reference is also made to Policy INF4 and the Planning Obligations SPD. The contents of Policy INF 4 and the Planning Obligations SPD are noted, and it would be helpful to cross reference to these documents in this SPD.	Agreed. Policy IN4 sets out the requirements for 'New community open space and outdoor sports provision' – which constitutes GI. Para 2.1 of the SPD sets out the areas to be covered in the SPD. Para 3.2 has been amended to recognise the role of policy IN4. Amend para 3.2 to read: "The policies of the Local Plan (in particular IN2 and IN4) seek the...."
Natural England	GI/17	Natural England agrees with the topics to be covered as content in the GI SPD (paragraph 2.1).	Noted
Q2a – Are there any other matters not referred to in paragraph 2.1 which should be covered in the SPD?			
Q2b – If yes, please state what should be covered and the reason(s) why:			
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	Policy IN2 refers to "Development proposals within or adjoining areas of strategic green infrastructure" and "Development outside, and not adjoining, the strategic green infrastructure network" but does not define the term 'adjoining'. The GI SPD should make it clear that the term 'adjoining' in Policy IN2 should be read in light of the principle set out in Corbett v Cornwall Council [2022] EWCA Civ 1069. In that case, the Court of Appeal found the term 'immediately adjoining' should not simply be construed in its narrowest	Noted. The SPD does not have the ability to alter the wording of the adopted Local Plan. This can only be secured through Local Plan review. The word adjoining has been interpreted through planning law and the GI SPD will operate

		<p>sense, nor be given an excessively rigid meaning. The ruling instead expects a broader interpretation be considered based on planning judgment of the particular facts of the site and proposal in hand taking account of the purpose of the policy.</p> <p>Given that in relation to IN2 the term used is the broader word “adjoining” rather than the narrower term “immediately adjoining”, this appears to allow an even greater degree of flexibility regarding what is considered to adjoin areas of Mansfield’s Strategic Green Infrastructure, and this should be made explicit in the GI SPD.</p>	<p>within the context of planning case law.</p> <p>It is agreed that the term ‘adjoining’ offers greater flexibility than immediately adjoining. ‘Adjoining’ is the term used in the SPD.</p>
<p>Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)</p>	<p>GI/3</p>	<p>The Mansfield Local Plan sets out the purposes of Green Infrastructure and their benefits. If a site is close to Strategic Green Infrastructure, then it should not matter whether it is immediately adjoining or if there is a buffer strip containing functional habitat that is not designated as SGI so long as the development, through its location, could impact on the Strategic Green Infrastructure network.</p>	<p>It is agreed that the term ‘adjoining’ offers greater flexibility than immediately adjoining. ‘Adjoining’ is the term used in the SPD.</p> <p>It is agreed that there will be circumstances where green infrastructure will be affected by proposals where it does not ‘abut’ the development. The SPD does not preclude the Council seeking to improve the GI network in these circumstances.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, a footnote has been added to SPD GI 3 that states:</p> <p>“‘Adjoining’ the GI network includes areas where is close enough to impact upon that network.”</p>

Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	In the interests of helping ensure that Mansfield's Strategic Green Infrastructure maximises its potential for public and ecological benefit in line with the objectives that underpin that policy, proposed development should be considered to be adjoining that network where its proximity is close enough to impact upon that network.	Agreed: A footnote has been added to SPD GI 3 that states: “ Adjoining’ the GI network includes areas where is close enough to impact upon that network. ”
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	The GI SPD should be making multiple links throughout the document to the Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping work carried out in relation to Mansfield which post-dates the Green Infrastructure Study.	Agreed. There is a strong alignment between the GI SPD and the BNG SPD. Paragraph 6.11.3 has been amended to read: “...mutual benefits. Mansfield District Council is participating in the development of a ‘Local Nature Recovery Strategy’ and has a recently adopted Biodiversity Opportunities Map (BOM) for the district ”. The BOM is accessed via a hyperlink as a footnote.
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	The Runnymede 2030 Local Plan's Green and Blue Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) includes a range of "Simple measures and features can be incorporated into householder developments that can contribute to or enhance GBI and provide net gains for biodiversity". This sort of guidance would be useful to include within the Mansfield GI SPD	Agreed. The SPD has been amended to include a new paragraph 6.3.3 which states: “ In addition to strategic GI, there are opportunities to incorporate green features on a micro scale. Opportunities include: Living roofs and walls, Green boundary features, Wildlife-friendly garden boundaries, Bat roosting / bird nesting boxes, Ponds,

			hedgerows, trees and flowers, Wildlife-sensitive lighting, Wildflower lawns, Wildlife ponds, Reptile habitats, Bug hotels, and Micro-wildlife corridors.”
	GI/9	What about air quality? other councils have adopted that into their SPD	Agreed. It is noted that the provision of GI can have positive benefits in terms of Air Quality in terms of distance separation and potential use of species that help contain pollutants. A new bullet point is added to paragraph 5.2 which states: “Air Quality – Green and Blue infrastructure can help to address air quality issues through providing distance separation and species that help to trap pollutants.”
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	HLM have an interest in land located to the east of Mansfield Woodhouse. The site currently falls within a designated strategic Green Infrastructure area with reference to policy IN2 and is located adjacent to the Maun Valley Nature Corridor.	Noted. The GI SPD does not address specific sites but sets out principles for GI provision. The SPD cannot alter the boundaries of strategic GI that is set out in the Local Plan. This will be addressed as part of the consideration of alternative options in the development of the emerging Mansfield Local Plan.
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	The SPD should be structured to allow a balanced approach to GI to ensure that GI enhancement leads to positive benefits for people and wildlife.	Agreed. The delivery and protection of GI must be balanced against the need for new

			development as part of the planning balance.
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	HLM support the GI document that informs the SPD but this should be updated.	Noted. The Council will need to update its evidence base (including GI evidence) as part of the development of the emerging Local Plan.
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	The Mansfield Green Infrastructure Study should be updated and existing areas of GI reviews. Their impact and status should be reviewed. Examples of good practice should be identified.	Agreed. The Council will need to update its evidence base (including the Green Infrastructure study) as part of the development of the emerging Local Plan.
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	Each neighbourhood in Mansfield District has varying levels of GI and distinctive ecological characteristics. Future GI needs to respond to these characteristics. The SPD should be informed by a sub-area assessment.	Agreed. GI needs to respond to the specific GI characteristics of the area. The SPD is based on existing evidence. The need for sub-area GI evidence will be considered as part of the Local Plan review.
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	The SPD should point out that GI need not serve all of the five GI functions set out in the GI Study. The GI should be clearly worded to avoid burdening development without providing the benefits.	Noted. The impact of development will vary on a case by case basis. It is accepted that in some circumstances not all of the GI functions will be met. The guidance does not specify that all functions must be met and each case will be considered on its merits.
Sport England	GI/14	Sport England would welcome the inclusion of guidance on the role GI can play in delivering Active Design. The SPD should make reference to the role GI can play in providing opportunities for communities to be physically	Noted. Para 2.1 of the SPD sets out the areas to be covered in the SPD. GI SPD 3 'GI functions and assets' has been amended to

		active and the positive impacts this can have on people’s mental and physical health and well-being.	recognise Active Design. GI SPD 3 has been amended to add a further bullet point to read: “To provide opportunities for communities to be physically active allowing positive impacts on people’s mental and physical health and well-being.”
Peveril Securities Limited	GI/15	The main thrust of Local Plan Policy IN2 to protect and enhance the district’s Green Infrastructure (GI) is supported.	Noted.
Natural England	GI/17	Natural England agrees with the topics to be covered as content in the GI SPD (paragraph 2.1).	Noted
<i>Q3a – Are there any other national context documents related to Green Infrastructure the Council should take into consideration/reference in section 3?</i>			
<i>Q3b – Reason(s):</i>			
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	The Habitat Regulations, and Natural England's Green Infrastructure Framework (February 2023) are both relevant national context documents that should be taken into consideration and referenced, as should the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UK BAP).	Noted. The Habitat Regulations are a free standing processes that plans and decisions need to address. It need not be referenced in the GI SPD. Natural England’s Green Infrastructure Framework is addressed later in response to representations from Natural England. The Biodiversity Action Plan is referenced in the adopted Biodiversity Net Gain SPD which is also a material consideration. It need not be repeated in relation to the GI SPD.

Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	We support the inclusion of the reference to the Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP) 2023 at paragraph 3.21 of the draft GI SPD.	Noted.
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	The Mansfield GI SPD should make clear references to Natural England's PPSPA Advice Note highlighting the importance of this suggested Special Protection Area.	Noted. This is referenced in the Biodiversity Net Gain SPD which is also a material consideration. It need not be repeated in relation to the GI SPD.
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	The Mansfield GI SPD should make clear reference to the suggested Birklands and Bilhaugh SAC	Noted. This is referenced in the Biodiversity Net Gain SPD which is also a material consideration. It need not be repeated in relation to the GI SPD. However, for clarity amended text has been provided that makes reference to the map in the N&S HRA. New text to read. “A map showing the zone of influence (Fig 7.2) has been produced by Newark & Sherwood District Council as part of their Habitats Regulations Assessment.”
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	The wording of paragraph 4.8 should be tweaked to replace the words "...and whose development is considered be of a scale to result in impact" with the words "...and where potential impact of a development cannot be ruled out" to more clearly reflect the relevant threshold.	Agreed. This proposed change has been incorporated. Amend text in para 4.8 to read: “.....this SPD can help towards giving guidance to developers who will fall within 10 Km Impact Risk and where potential impacts of a development cannot be ruled out depending on the scale and

			nature of development proposed.”
Environment Agency	GI/5	Welcome that blue infrastructure is mentioned multiple times within the SPD however we would suggest that where green infrastructure is mentioned this should be altered to include blue infrastructure.	Noted. In the interests of clarity, further text has been added to paragraph 1.11 to clarify: “For the purposes of this SPD, all references to Green Infrastructure shall incorporate ‘blue-infrastructure’.”
Environment Agency	GI/5	Development should integrate and increase green/blue infrastructure to build in multi-functional solutions to future impacts such as increased flood risks, water shortages and overheating. Green and Blue Infrastructure can work together to achieve these aims.	Agreed. The SPD seeks to address the benefits of GI in terms of reducing flood risk and responding to Climate change.
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	Additional Guidance could include ‘Introduction to the Green Infrastructure Framework - Principles and Standards 2023’: https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/GreenInfrastructure/Home.aspx#:~:text=Green%20Infrastructure%20(GI)	Agreed. A link to the document is contained within the GI SPD.
Individual	GI/9	Reference should be given to Access to The Natural Environment White Paper (The Natural Choice: securing the value highlighted “the importance of green spaces to the health and happiness of local communities”. Open green space is of life indicator and a key element in the delivery of sustainable communities.	No White Paper titled “The Natural Environment White Paper (The Natural Choice)” has been identified.
Individual	GI/9	Also would you consider these documents as documents to refer to DEFRA, (2010), Making Space for Nature: A review of England’s Wildlife Sites and Ecological Network: DEFRA, (2011), Biodiversity for England’s wildlife and ecosystem services:	Noted. These are now dated and partially superseded but has been identified in a new paragraph 3.24 which states: “Other relevant historic Government guidance includes: ‘Making Space for Nature: A review of England’s Wildlife Sites and Ecological Network’ (DEFRA); and, Biodiversity 2020: A strategy

			for England’s wildlife and ecosystem services (DEFRA).”
Sport England	GI/14	Sport England would be keen to see reference to its Active Design guidance. Sport England, in conjunction Active Travel England (ATE) and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), has produced an updated version of the ‘Active Design’ guide. Active Design sets out how the design of environments can help people lead more physically active and healthy lives. The table on page 9 of the Active Design guidance demonstrates how the principles of Active Design fit with the National Design Guide 2021.	Agreed. This is relevant guidance. Action: Add new paragraph 3.25 to state: “Sport England in conjunction Active Travel England (ATE) and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) has produced ‘Active Design guidance’². This sets out how the design of environments can help people lead more physically active and healthy lives”.
Natural England	GI/17	The following resources are available and could be referred to in the SPD: GI Design Guidance.	Agreed. New para 3.22.3 inserted to refer to Natural England GI Design Guidance. Insert text to read: “3.23 Natural England has produced a variety of publications to assist Local Planning Authorities and developers with effective delivery of Green Infrastructure. Some of the main guidance areas include:

² [Active Design | Sport England](#)

			<p>3.23.1 Natural England Planning and Design Guide : The purpose of the Green Infrastructure Planning and Design Guide is to provide evidence based practical guidance on how to plan and design good green infrastructure. It complements the National Model Design Code and National Design Guide and can be used to help planners and designers develop local design guides and codes with multifunctional green infrastructure.”</p>
Natural England	GI/17	The following resources are available and could be referred to in the SPD: Process Journey Guidance	<p>Agreed. This is a document that should be referenced in the GI SPD. Insert new para 3.23.2 to state: “3.23.2 Process Journey Guidance. Natural England has produced guidance for Neighbourhood Planning Groups, Local Planning Authorities and Developers. The guidance on process journeys seeks to address such issues as developing a green infrastructure strategy, seeking to successfully incorporate green infrastructure into a</p>

			development proposal or making long term plans for a local area. The process journeys seeks to help embed Green Infrastructure informed decision making across and between organisations.”
Natural England	GI/17	The following resources are available and could be referred to in the SPD: Green Infrastructure standards	Agreed. This is a document that should be referenced in the GI SPD. Insert new para 3.23.3 to state: “3.23.3 Green Infrastructure standards : The Green Infrastructure Standards are a key component of the Green Infrastructure Framework. They define what good green infrastructure ‘looks like’ for local planners, developers, parks and greenspace managers and communities, and how to plan it strategically to deliver multiple benefits for people and nature.”
Natural England	GI/17	The following resources are available and could be referred to in the SPD: GI principles	Agreed. This is a document that should be referenced in the GI SPD. Insert new para 3.23.4 to state: “Green Infrastructure principles³: Natural England has developed a set of GI

³ [Green Infrastructure Principles \(naturalengland.org.uk\)](http://naturalengland.org.uk)

			Principles that underpin the GI Framework. The Principles are intended to provide a baseline for different organisations to develop stronger green infrastructure policy and delivery. The principles cover the Why, What and How to do good green infrastructure.”
Natural England	GI/17	The following resources are available and could be referred to in the SPD: GI Mapping tool.	Agreed. This is a source of data that should be referenced in the GI SPD. Insert new para 3.23.5 to state: “Green Infrastructure Mapping tool: The GI mapping tool provides a useful source of evidence and can be used to demonstrate where GI is most needed within the community.”
<i>Q4a – Are there any other local context documents related to Green Infrastructure the Council should take into consideration/reference in section 4?</i>			
<i>Q4b – Reason(s):</i>			
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	Natural England's National Character Area Profiles NE 464 and NE333 / NCA Profiles 30 and 49 are local context documents.	Noted. This is a free standing document that can be a material consideration and need not be referenced in the GI SPD.
Environment Agency	GI/5	We are pleased to see that sections 3.20 and 3.21 highlight recent guidance produced by Natural England (Green Infrastructure Framework) and Defra (Environmental Improvement Plan 2023).	Noted. A new paragraph 3.22 has been added to the GI SPD that states: “The Climate Crisis – a guide for local authorities on planning for climate change guidance is a resource for local authorities jointly put together by the Town & Country

			Planning Association and Royal Town Planning Institute. The guidance includes a case study hub of examples of how local planning authorities have addressed climate change in their local plan policies including Green/Blue Infrastructure.”
Nottinghamshire County Council	GI/6	It is suggested that the Nottinghamshire County Council Highway Design Guide sections covering Street Trees are included.	Agreed. New paragraph added which provides links to the relevant guidance. Add new para 3.23 to state: “Other public realm guidance is available and relevant to informing the contribution that GI can make to the built and natural environment. This includes transportation guidance produced by Nottinghamshire County Council concerning the contribution that street trees can make to GI”
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	4.8 Suitable Accessible Natural Green Space (SANGs), Should read ‘Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace’	Agreed. Text in para 4.8 amended to read: “...Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace’...”
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANGs) are areas of land designated for recreational purposes that are protected due to the presence of priority species and the habitats that support the species under Conservation of Habitats.	Noted. SANGS are referred to in paragraph 4.8 of the GI SPD.
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	The wording of GI SPD1 does not support the balanced approach set out in GI SPD1.	Agreed. Para 6.3 has been amended to make it clear that the

			Local Plan policy has precedence and states: “...deliver new GI. New development should seek to accord with policy IN2 when considering the balance between the protection and enhancement of GI and the need for new development. ”
Natural England	GI/17	There could be more focus on the quality of the GI by referencing the Natural England GI Standards, and the Principles behind them (why / what / how).	Agreed. New paragraphs 3.23 to 3.23.5 have been inserted to provide links to NE guidance.
Natural England	GI/17	NE suggest tangible access to green space close to home targets, such as within 15 minutes' walk.	The SPD cannot introduce new policy. This is an area that can be explored through the development of the emerging Mansfield Local Plan.
Natural England	GI/17	There could also be included case studies to show successful implementation in different scenarios. See the NE Planning & Design Guide for examples.	Noted. Amendments have been made to the SPD that link to NE's 'Planning & Design Guide'.
Natural England	GI/17	Natural England notes there is no mention of either the Biodiversity SPD or SuDS SPD. Both these documents provide important detail on issues which are closely linked to Green Infrastructure.	Para 6.11.3 refers to the 'Biodiversity Net Gain' Supplementary Planning Document. A link has been provided to the document. A new para 6.12.6 has been added to state: “ Mansfield District Council has produced a 'Sustainable Drainage Systems' SPD that seeks to set out the Council's approach to delivering SuDS as part of new development. ”

Q5a – Are there any other benefits in addition to those referenced in paragraph 5.2 the Green Infrastructure SPD should seek to deliver?			
Q5b – Reason(s):			
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	The SPD should refer to both the physical and mental health benefits of GI, and should make connections to Mansfield's blue infrastructure.	Agreed. Add bullet point to para 5.2 to state: “• Health – Green and blue infrastructure can offer substantial physical and mental health benefits. ”
Environment Agency	GI/5	We are in support of the multiple benefits suggested particularly points 2 and 3 raised within section 5.2 namely Nature Conservation and Climate Change.	Noted.
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	HLM agree with the approach taken in GI SPD2	Noted.
Sport England	GI/14	Sport England would welcome the inclusion of reference to the benefits of physical activity and health - Green Infrastructure provides important opportunities for communities to be physically active. It can provide a local network which is usually free to use and accessible to local communities. Physical activity and sport have important benefits for people’s mental and physical health and wellbeing.	Agreed. See amendments to SPD3 above.
Natural England	GI/17	Other benefits can be delivered through high quality Green Infrastructure, not mentioned in paragraph 5.2. These include: • Nature conservation –reference ecosystem functions and biodiversity.	Agreed. Para 5.2 bullet 2 amended to read: “...protection of species (including networks for movement of species), ecosystem functions and biodiversity. ”
Natural England	GI/17	Include: Soils & geodiversity.	Agreed. New bullet point 3 to state: “ Soils and geodiversity – including protecting existing and providing new soil resources. ”
Natural England	GI/17	Include: Blue infrastructure, water management, water quality and hydrological connections.	Agreed. New bullet point 12 to state: “ Blue infrastructure – GI includes ‘blue infrastructure’ which can contribute to

			amenity, water management, water quality and hydrological connections.”
Natural England	GI/17	Include: Climate Change – carbon sequestration, energy production and temperature.	Agreed. Bullet point 4 amended to state: “.....green areas for flooding, carbon sequestration, energy production, temperature control and routes that encourage.....”
Natural England	GI/17	Include: Community involvement – food provision, sense of place and access to nature for all life stages and all people.	Agreed. New bullet point 13 to state: “ Community involvement – GI can provide opportunities local communities and all people including: food provision, creation of meeting places & spaces and access to nature for all life stages. ”
Natural England	GI/17	Include: Air quality.	Noted. Air quality benefits are already in para 5.2.
Natural England	GI/17	Include: Noise reduction.	Agreed. Para 5.2 amended to state: “Air Quality and noise reduction – Green and Blue infrastructure can help to address air quality issues through providing distance separation and species that help to trap pollutants. Substantial GI also helps to mitigate noise reduction. ”
Individual	Individual GI/9 & GI 22	Recreational Opportunities such as children’s play areas, playing fields and pitches should be identified.	Para 5.2 already refers to “Protection, enhancement and provision of recreation space”. No change proposed.

Q6a – Do you agree with the types of Green Infrastructure identified in policy GI SPD1 and the ways in which they are proposed to be considered?			
Q6b – Reason(s):			
Environment Agency	GI/5	EA are in full support and agree with the types of Green Infrastructure identified in policy GI SPD1 and feel that these are extremely comprehensive.	Noted.
Nottinghamshire County Council	GI/6	Nottinghamshire County Council support sections 2 and 3 of the draft GI SPD	Noted
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	We agree with the types of GI highlighted. The way they are proposed to be considered should support nature to recover and thrive everywhere, in towns, cities and countryside, conserving and enhancing natural environments.	Agreed. The wording of the final bullet of GI SPD 1 has been amended to clarify the benefits nature recovery. Amendment to read: “....species and should support nature to recover and thrive everywhere, in towns, cities and countryside. ”
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	The wording of GI SPD1 does not support the balanced approach set out in GI SPD1.	Agreed. Para 6.3 has been amended to make it clear that the Local Plan policy has precedence and states: “....deliver new GI. New development should seek to accord with policy IN2 when considering the balance between the protection and enhancement of GI and the need for new development. ”
Historic England	GI/11	Reference to historic assets under the section on urban character on Page 19 and this is welcomed. Suggest amend to ‘heritage assets’.	Agreed. Amend text of GI SPD 1 to read: “.....wildlife and heritage and cultural assets.....”

Historic England	GI/11	Heritage is not just about the built environment but also forms a key component of landscape and we consider it should be fully reflected here.	Agreed. See new bullet point in GI SPD 1. (See above).
Historic England	GI/11	The concept of heritage as a component of Green Infrastructure should be fully reflected throughout the SPD.	Noted. GI SPD 1 sets the context for the document. This refers to heritage.
Sport England	GI/14	Sport England welcomes the reference in bullet point 3 to Sport and Recreation and Green Infrastructure creating new formal and informal recreation opportunities.	Noted and welcomed
Sport England	GI/14	It is unclear what is meant by 'exploring potential to link urban and rural areas'.	Agreed. This could result in some confusion. The sentence is superfluous as GI already implies linked areas of green space. Amend GI SPD 1 by removing text from the sport and recreation bullet point ' exploring potential to link urban and rural areas '
Sport England	GI/14	The creation of new sports and recreation facilities should be informed by a robust and up-to-date evidence base, for playing pitches this should be a Playing Pitch Strategy.	Noted. The Council will be pursuing an updated Playing Pitch Strategy as part of the review of its Local Plan.
Sport England	GI/14	Bullet point 6 – Reference to Sport and Recreation is welcomed, however the SPD will need to be clear how requirements for sports facilities are calculated. Requirements for outdoor sports provision are set out in Policy IN4 of the Mansfield Local Plan which should be referenced.	Noted. Policy IN4 and the adopted 'Planning Obligations SPD' set out these calculations more clearly and need not be repeated in the GI SPD.
Natural England	GI/17	Natural England agrees with the types of GI identified in policy GI SPD1. There could be further discussion on the right GI in the right place, appropriate to the community.	Agreed. Para 1 of GI SPD 1 has been amended to read: ".....All new developments should consider the impact on existing GI and opportunities to provide new

			or enhanced existing Green Infrastructure of the right type in the right place . The following.....”
Q7a – Do you agree with the checklist steps identified in policy GI SPD2?			
Q7b – Reason(s):			
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	GI SPD 2 should be amended to reflect the need to protect GI both within and outside of a proposed development.	Agreed. Bullet point of the GI SPD already considers the GI impact within and outside of the site and states: “4. Identify the characteristics of GI within and near to the site”.
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	Small developments with the potential to impact upon the GI should be required to follow the checklist.	Noted. Small developments are encouraged to follow the guidance. Where there is an adverse impact arising from small scale development, Local Plan policy and the SPD will need to be considered in the planning balance.
Environment Agency	GI/5	EA agree with and support the proposed checklist. EA assume that during any pre app process with the local authority that the applicant for specific sites will be made aware of neighbouring Green/Blue Infrastructure in order to provide linkage between to avoid the possibility of fragmented and isolated GI interventions to create seamless linkage.	Noted. The LPA will seek to assist potential applicants by identifying known areas of GI in pre-application discussions.
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	We suggest referencing Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRSs) and Biodiversity Opportunity Maps for the district. Habitat restoration and creation to be delivered in a consistent way. Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS), aim to restore and enhance biodiverse and well-functioning ecological networks need. These strategies are intended to assist planners and developers in achieving biodiversity	Agree. Para 6.11.3 has been amended to state: “Mansfield District Council is participating in the development of a ‘Local Nature Recovery Strategy’ and has a recently adopted Biodiversity

		net gain (BNG) and offsite green infrastructure and the enhancement of parks and greenspace.	Opportunities Map⁴ (BOM) for the district."
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	HLM agree with the approach taken in GI SPD2	Noted.
Historic England	GI/11	HE consider that heritage/ the historic environment should be included within the Green Infrastructure definition.	It is acknowledged that some heritage / historic features can contribute to GI but Heritage / historic environment can often include buildings and built spaces that could not be defined as GI. Para 6.3.1 does refer to "historic settings and other green heritage assets". This is reinforced in the GI Study 2018.
Historic England	GI/11	The checklist should reflect the need to consider the historic environment as a component of Green Infrastructure.	Noted. GI SPD sets out the approach to 'Green Infrastructure in the Design process'. Given that Heritage Assets are included in the wider definition within GI SPD 1 it need not be specifically referred to in GI SPD 2. There are other heritage references in the SPD.
Historic England	GI/11	Does the Green Infrastructure Study, referred to on Page 21 include reference to heritage as a concept within Green Infrastructure?	Yes. The Green Infrastructure Study 2018 has multiple references to Historic / cultural / heritage issues in the context of GI.

⁴ The Biodiversity Opportunities Map can be access here: <https://nottsbag.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/The-Mansfield-BOM-Project-Report-FINAL-April2023.pdf>

Sport England	GI/14	The checklist should set out how requirements for outdoor sports facilities should be considered and how these requirements should be incorporated into Green Infrastructure proposals. Reference should be made to an up-to-date evidence base.	The checklist in GI SPD 2 is designed to set out the process for addressing GI as part of development proposals. The 'issues' (including sports provision) are addressed elsewhere in the SPD.
Natural England	GI/17	Natural England agrees with those steps identified in policy GI SPD2. Please also refer to the Natural England Process Journeys for developers and design teams for suggested steps for developers.	Noted. Natural England Process Journeys for developers and design teams are referred to elsewhere in the SPD.
Q8a – Are there any other additional assets to those listed in policy GI SPD3 that should be identified?			
Q8b – Reason(s):			
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	Lindhurst should now be added to the list of 13 GI Areas to constitute a 14th GI Area.	Lindhurst is identified in the Green Infrastructure 2018 as a potential area which could contain Green Infrastructure. It is important to acknowledge that this related to areas outside of the proposed mixed use development. Lindhurst has been added as a 'potential' area of GI as part of emerging development proposals. A new paragraph 6.5.4 has been added which states: " A further 'potential area of strategic GI has been identified at Lindhurst. This is dependent on the detailed design of a mixed use development which has the potential to deliver GI as part of a wider master plan.' "

Individual	GI/9	You state that "Consider the existing evidence base including the Green Infrastructure Study and associated maps to identify the location and nature of GI. Where possible seek to identify local aspirations of the Council and wider community for the provision of GI" I would hope that this is done pre-consultation and that the developer will have obtained some reports in relation biodiversity which will give more meaningful context to the consultation.	Developers are encouraged to liaise with Local Communities when developing planning applications (particularly major applications). Formal consultation occurs on submission of planning applications.
Historic England	GI/11	Cultural heritage including heritage assets/ features can play a significant role in green infrastructure through telling the story of the past both through tangible and intangible elements. The presence of heritage features within a heritage landscape, a Canal Conservation Area as part of the blue network, the setting for a regarded novel, archaeological remains of previous settlement are some of the examples and there are many.	Agreed. A new bullet point has been added to GI SPD 1 to state: "Heritage landscapes. The quality of GI can be enhanced by the presence of heritage features within a heritage landscape, such as within Conservation Areas, Scheduled Monuments, archaeological remains and their settings;"
Q9a – Are there any other Green Infrastructure functions listed in policy GI SPD3 that should be protected and enhanced?			
Q9b – Reason(s):			
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	Further explanation of what is meant by "Climate change mitigation areas" should be included in the GI SPD.	Agree. GI SPD 6 sets out areas where GI can help with Climate Change. A footnote has also been added to GI SPD 3 which states: "This can include areas which address the causes and effects of climate change such as increased tree planting and flood attenuation measures. This list is not exhaustive."
Forest Town Nature	GI/3	There should be explicit mention of pollinator corridors and their ability to make a positive contribution to local agriculture.	Agreed. Specific reference has been made to pollinator corridors

Conservation Group (FTNCG)			in GI SPD 9. Amended wording states: “....Providing refuges and corridors for climate sensitive species within the landscape and individual sites including pollinator corridors ”
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	Reference to "Allowing movement of people for commuting, leisure and recreation purposes" should be accompanied by wording that makes it clear that there is a need to prevent / deter inappropriate access to sensitive sites, e.g. by illegal off-road bikers, etc. that could harm biodiversity or be a risk to site users. Reference should also be made to the benefit of directing people away from the most ecologically sensitive areas of sites.	Agree. A footnote has been added to GI SPD 4 which states: “Subject to deterring inappropriate access to sensitive sites that could adversely harm important biodiversity or be a risk to site users.”
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	'Tranquillity' should be added to the list of functions to be protected in line with the criteria for Local Green Space designation.	Agree. Para 5.2 (final bullet point has been amended to read: “• Health – Green and blue infrastructure can offer substantial physical and mental health benefits. This includes areas of tranquillity. ”
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	Reference to "improving the natural qualities of river corridors to prevent bank erosion " should be accompanied by reference to controlling invasive non-native species that can impact on bank erosion	Agree. Para 6.8.2 (final bullet point) has been amended to state: “ •....improving the natural qualities of river corridors to prevent bank erosion and controlling invasive non-native species that can impact on bank erosion ”
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	We think the following stated functions should be included: Strengthen ecological networks and reduce fragmentation of habitats	Agreed. GI SPD functions have been extended to include:

		<p>Deliver Biodiversity Net Gain requirements</p> <p>Contribute to cross species objectives such as pollinator strategies</p> <p>Integrate with the Nature Recovery Network and Local Nature Recovery Strategies</p> <p>Help achieve targeted individual species recovery</p> <p>Provide an opportunity to link with Natural Capital.</p>	<p>“Strengthen ecological networks and reduce fragmentation of habitats</p> <p>•Deliver Biodiversity Net Gain requirements</p> <p>•Contribute to cross species objectives such as pollinator strategies</p> <p>•Integrate with the Nature Recovery Network and Local Nature Recovery Strategies</p> <p>•Help achieve targeted individual species recovery</p> <p>•Provide an opportunity to link with Natural Capital”</p>
Individual	GI/9	Recreational Opportunities such as children’s play areas, playing fields and pitches should be identified.	Individual
Individual	GI/9	Health and well-being needs mentioning in more detail as the value of open green space is well established as having psychological benefits. Having the space to relax and unwind in an open space is an important antidote to the stresses living. In a society where close proximity to others is commonplace the ability to find relative isolation and tranquillity to be effective areas of Green Infrastructure need to be close enough so that the benefits can be readily accessed and from are in good condition. If either of these factors is missing then the benefits will be undermine	Noted. Health and well-being and tranquillity are now referred to in para 5.2 which states: “Health – Green and blue infrastructure can offer substantial physical and mental health benefits. This includes areas of tranquillity.”
Individual	GI/9	The SPD states that the strategic GI sites are identified in the Mansfield District Green Infrastructure Study. None of the thirteen Strategic Green Infrastructure networks are in the west of Mansfield. Radmanthwaite Farm should be – it is the only remaining large green site but there are historical considerations especially given that some time Roman Villa was found at the rear of the land towards Woodhouse.	Noted. The SPD does not have the ability to designate new strategic areas of Green Infrastructure – this will be a role for the emerging Local Plan.

		It is reported that the Villa is currently protected under law as a Scheduled Ancient Monument, meaning that any disturbance of the area is a criminal offence, keeping the villa remains safe for the future.	Scheduled Monuments are already protected as designated heritage assets.
Historic England	GI/11	HE welcome the references to the historic environment within this section and consider this a useful starting point.	Noted.
Historic England	GI/11	GI SPD 3 should be enhanced to consider heritage as a component of landscape and to consider wider heritage issues.	Agreed. Amend GI SPD 3 to state: “.....protect heritage assets, landscapes and their settings including.....”
Sport England	GI/14	It would also be useful for the SPD to provide a link to Sport England’s Active Design checklist which can be used to assess whether proposals meet the principles of Active Design.	Agreed. Reference is made to the ‘Active Design’ Guidance earlier in the SPD.
Natural England	GI/17	Ecosystem functions should be included here to highlight and protect these important systems. People-nature connections should also be specified as an important function within a healthy and happy community. Stewardship of places by communities can be an asset to support this, where appropriate and not a burden to the community.	Agreed. Amend bullet 6 of GI SPD 3 to read: “Strengthen ecological networks, allow for ecosystem functioning and reduce fragmentation of habitats...”
Q10a – Do you agree with the guidance in policy GI SPD4 regarding Connected Green Infrastructure?			
Q10b – Reason(s):			
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	Where public access is appropriate and not already provided to Green Infrastructure areas, proposals that provide such accessibility improvements should be encouraged.	Noted.
Sport England	GI/14	It would also be useful for the SPD to provide a link to Sport England’s Active Design checklist which can be used to assess whether proposals meet the principles of Active Design.	Agreed. Reference is made to the ‘Active Design’ Guidance earlier in the SPD.
Natural England	GI/17	In reference to ecological links, this could be discussed more strategically in terms of the quality of sites, expansion of existing sites and connection of isolated sites through corridors and stepping stones (bigger, better, more joined up).	Agreed. New para inserted into GI SPD 4 to state: “ Opportunities should be explored to enhance the quality of sites, expansion ”

			of existing sites and connection of isolated sites through creation of new or expanded corridors and stepping stones. The key aim should be for bigger, better and more joined up GI.”
Natural England	GI/17	When discussing sports and open spaces, natural play areas could also be included.	Agreed. GI SPD 4 bullet 3 expanded to read: “New formal and informal sports and open spaces that link new and existing networks including sports, leisure & recreation, allotments, and natural play areas. ”
Natural England	GI/17	In the point about using waterways, could there be an opportunity to re-naturalise these assets and make them more accessible to communities?	Agreed. GI SPD 4 bullet 4 amended to read: “Using waterways including rivers, streams and connected ponds and lakes. This could include re-naturalising watercourses. ”
Q11a – Do you agree with the guidance/approaches set out in policy GI SPD5 to manage the impacts of Green Infrastructure?			
Q11b – Reason(s):			
Nottinghamshire County Council	GI/6		
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	We think more detail is required. See below. <i>Management</i> <i>The long-term management and maintenance of GI is critical to achieving multi-functionality. GI benefits can be delivered and across administrative boundaries. This means that the management of one site can affect the</i>	Agreed. New paragraphs 6.10.6 to 6.10.8 have been added which state: “6.10.6 The long-term management and maintenance of GI is critical to achieving multifunctionality. GI benefits

		<p><i>ability of another consequence is, there can be a need to take a strategic view of GI management across and between areas. This is networks.</i></p> <p><i>At a site level management and maintenance considerations must be included early in the design process. Developers positively manage GI to provide benefits into the future. In developments implemented in phases, this should be a consideration long term.</i></p> <p><i>Involving local communities and local stakeholders in discussions on long term management can be very valuable. become involved in management delivery, but this has to be matched by appropriate resources both in terms of funding</i> The above is taken from Green Infrastructure Planning and Design Guide Natural England (2023)</p>	<p>can be delivered across administrative boundaries. This means that the management of one site can affect the ability of another. As a consequence there is a need to take a strategic view of GI management across and between areas and networks.</p> <p>6.10.7 At a site level, management and maintenance considerations must be included early in the design process. Developers should positively manage GI to provide benefits into the future. In developments implemented in phases, this should be a consideration long term.</p> <p>6.10.8 Involving local communities and local stakeholders in discussions on long term management and delivery can be valuable. This has to be matched by appropriate resources and funding.”</p>
Individual	GI/9	The wording is "Adverse impacts should be avoided in all cases. Adverse impacts arising from new development would:" You need to replace should and insert "will" as should is open to interpretation that it may not.	SPDs are not allowed to introduce new policy – only add more detail to the policies in the Local Plan. Words like ‘will’ suggest an

			introduction of new policy. The Local Planning Authority will, nonetheless seek to prevent adverse impacts under the existing GI policy in the Local Plan.
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	GI SPD 5 does not specify what 'significant detrimental' impacts are. The five 'approaches' of 'Conserve, create, enhance, restore and manage' should be more clearly set out. GI SPD should be reworded to state how proposals can indicate the degree to which they can address these five aims.	GI SPD 5 seeks to encourage various approaches to protecting or enhancing GI. As an SPD it cannot hold the same weight as policy IN2 of the SPD. The five approaches of 'Conserve, create, enhance, restore and manage' aim to broadly set out the different approaches to optimising impacts on GI. It encourages developers to seek to pursue these. It is not a policy requirement.
Historic England	GI/11	HE would recommend instead of reference to historic setting, the policy approach considers the need to protect and enhance the significance of heritage assets, including their setting.	Agreed. Wording has been amended to state: ".....Distinctive GI areas can include those that are valued for their landscape quality, heritage assets, including their setting,..... "
Peveril Securities Limited	GI/15	Our client considers the avoidance of a reduction in the size of existing areas to be unrealistic and contrary to policies in the Local Plan. For example, Local Plan Policy E4 allows development in the district's countryside (large parts of which include GI) for new employment premises adjacent to existing ones.	Agreed. The delivery and protection of GI must be balanced against the need for new development as part of the planning balance.
Peveril Securities Limited	GI/15	Land surrounding the Mansfield urban area is identified as GI has the highest levels of public transport and active travel infrastructure and is	Noted. The delivery and protection of GI must be balanced against the need for new

		therefore a sustainable location in accordance with the NPPF. GI SPD5 seeks to deter development in this location.	development as part of the planning balance.
Peveril Securities Limited	GI/15	Preventing development from coming forward on GI would remove the most obvious source of funding to preserve and enhance the GI. Without this funding, the wider aims of Policy IN2 and the GI SPD will not be realised.	Noted. The GI SPD does not seek to prevent development. It seeks to support development in the right locations and protect & enhance important areas of GI. The delivery and protection of GI must be considered against the need for new development as part of the planning balance.
Peveril Securities Limited	GI/15	GI SPD5 should be reconsidered in the context of points made above and the wider SPD should acknowledge the important role development will play in funding and delivering improvements to the GI.	Policy GI SPD 5 does not seek to prevent development. It is accepted that development plays an important role in funding and delivering improved GI.
Natural England	GI/17	'Conserve' could also include 'biodiversity value'.	Agreed. GI SPD 5 (Conserve) amended to read: "...Distinctive GI areas can include those that are valued for their landscape quality, biodiversity value , heritage assets,...."
Natural England	GI/17	Adverse impacts could include reduced accessibility for any members of the community and reduced ability for high quality people-nature connections.	Agreed. GI SPD 5 amended to add new bullet point stating: " •reduce accessibility for any members of the community and reduced ability for high quality people-nature connections "
<p>Q12a – Do you agree with the approach and measures set out for delivering Green Infrastructure in policy GI SPD6 that seeks to mitigate the impacts of climate change?</p> <p>Q12b – Reason(s):</p>			

Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	Increased flooding due to climate change increases the risk of run-off incidents. As such, it should be noted that Green Infrastructure can also provide buffer strips, hedgerows, ditches and other methods to prevent run-off from reaching water bodies, e.g. preventing run-off from nearby agricultural and forestry land reaching the ecologically sensitive ponds at Spa Ponds and/or reaching the River Maun.	Noted. GI SPD 6 refers to GI having a positive impact on flood water management.
Environment Agency	GI/5	Sustainable urban drainage schemes (Suds) provide attenuation to surface water, but also providing opportunities to improve water quality, encourage infiltration to groundwater through passive (no energy) design, as this can contribute to aquifer recharge and improve the water quality of surface watercourses by intercepting pollutants, as well as providing open space for local residents to enjoy.	Agreed. This is considered in more detail in the Council's recently adopted Sustainable Drainage SPD. This is also a material consideration so need not be repeated in this SPD. However, The GI SPD seeks to address the benefits of GI in terms of reducing flood risk through provision of SuDS.
Environment Agency	GI/5	Natural Flood Management (NFM) could also be mentioned within this section as something that could be encouraged within the district area where it is shown to provide improvements to flood risk and wider environmental enhancements.	Agreed. Amend GI SPD 10 to make specific reference to Natural Flood Management. Amend GI SPD 10 to read: “....being developed as part of town centre improvements GI proposals that incorporate Natural Flood Management (NFM) will be encouraged where these provide improvements to flood risk and wider environmental enhancements.....”

Environment Agency	GI/5	We agree with and support the approach and measures set out within policy GI SPD6. We are particularly happy with the wording of point 4 which seeks to retain, restore and create floodplains.	Noted.
Individual	GI/9	Sustainable Materials & Specifications should be included – It will be important to seek certification as to the origins materials and services using the most sustainable options as is possible	Agreed. This would be more appropriately considered in relation to ‘sustainable construction’ policies and not GI policies.
Individual	GI/9	Biodiversity – Making sure that biodiversity decisions not only consider the characteristics of existing species distribution, the potential demands of species dispersing into the area as a result of climate change	Agree. Biodiversity is considered in more detail in the Council’s adopted BNG SPD. It is acknowledged that climate change may result in species change over time and that the design of schemes will need to adapt.
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	GI SPD 6 refers to securing climate change measures ‘where practical’. ‘Feasible’ or ‘viable’ would be more appropriate wording.	Agreed. The word ‘feasible’ is considered appropriate. Viable suggest suggests that GI improvements can’t be made where not viable. GI SPD 6 has been amended to state: “The following measures will be sought wherever feasible in new developments.....”
Historic England	GI/11	HE are supportive of including a section on climate change. There needs to be a bullet point within this section that focusses on the need to protect the significance of heritage assets including their setting and seeks climate change solutions which are compatible with the historic environment.	Noted. This section relates to climate change and sets out mechanisms to help secure this through GI. Other Local Plan policies are designed to protect designated and non-designated heritage assets. No change proposed.

Sport England	GI/14	Sport England supports the inclusion of reference to the creation of linked footpaths and cycle routes which would provide opportunities for active travel.	Noted
Natural England	GI/17	Restoration of natural habitats can sequester carbon. Adaptation through Nature-based solutions can also be highlighted here and the role GI plays in this.	Agreed. GI SPD 6 amended to add new bullet point stating: “Creation and restoration of natural habitats can help to sequester carbon”
Q13a – Do you agree with the approach outlined for improvement of the GI Strategic Network (as identified in the Mansfield GI Study 2018) and the measures proposed for improvement on non-strategic networks as listed in policy GI SPD7?			
Q13b – Reason(s):			
Hallam Land Management	GI/10	The need to improve the quality of GI are broadly supported. This must be balanced against the need for new development.	Agreed. The delivery and protection of GI must be balanced against the need for new development as part of the planning balance.
Historic England	GI/11	What is meant by ‘providing a GI context for heritage assets’? The guidance needs to have regard to the significance of heritage assets and their setting.	Agreed. The wording of GI SPD 7 has been amended to state: “Providing a GI context for heritage assets and having regard to the significance of heritage assets and their setting.”
Natural England	GI/17	There could be specific discussion to include making GI accessible for all life stages, from pre-natal to babies to children to teens to adults to older people. And be inclusive and accessible for all intersecting groups (gender, age, people with disabilities, race, religion, sexuality) where appropriate.	Noted. The SPD refers elsewhere that it is for all people. This is irrespective of gender, age, people with disabilities, race, religion or sexuality. The SPD does not discriminate.
Q14a – Do you agree with the approach identified for the design and implementation of open space within Green Infrastructure as listed in policy GI SPD7?			
Q14b – Reason(s):			

Individual	GI/9	Biodiversity – Making sure that biodiversity decisions not only consider the characteristics of existing species distribution, the potential demands of species dispersing into the area as a result of climate change	Agree. Biodiversity is considered in more detail in the Council's adopted BNG SPD. It is acknowledged that climate change may result in species change over time and that the design of schemes will need to adapt.
Natural England	GI/17	It is important to emphasise the use of good design to ensure that this is what drives GI to be welcoming, accessible, and safe. The inclusion and recognition of intersecting groups and their specific needs is imperative to ensure GI is accessible and welcoming to all	Noted. The SPD does emphasise the need for good design and access for all.
Q15a – Do you agree with the measures proposed in policy GI SPD8 for ensuring the long-term provision of Green Infrastructure in relation to proposed development?			
Q15b – Reason(s):			
Environment Agency	GI/5	EA agree with the measures proposed in GI SPD 8.	Noted.
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	There should be specific consideration for Biodiversity Net Gain, given that GI can contribute to BNG. Gain SPD is warranted. Securing the long-term management and monitoring is critical to achieving BNG.	Noted. The GI SPD refers to securing BNG. There is also a separate BNG SPD that addresses this issue. This is also a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	There is no reference to the period of management and monitoring that would be required (which should be permanent). The Environment Act specifies 30 years for BNG. Policy and guidance should encourage delivery to go beyond the legal minimum.	The 30 year maintenance period is referred to in the BNG SPD. The Environment Act does not refer to a minimum for other types of GI. Introducing a requirement for 'permanent' maintenance would introduce 'new policy' which is beyond the scope of the SPD.

Individual	GI/9	Mansfield District should apply a condition or Section 106 obligation in ALL cases and please make sure the conditions are discharged.	Agree. GI SPD 8 states: "Mansfield District Council will use planning conditions and Section 106 legal agreements to secure the provision, maintenance and long term monitoring of Green Infrastructure".
Natural England	GI/17	NE's GI principles document outlines and evidences the importance of Managed, Valued & Funded, Monitored & Evaluated to ensure long-term provision of high quality GI. The GI SPD focusses on the management and implementation of GI only. Elements to address the valued & funded and monitored & evaluated elements could also be included within policy GI SPD8. This would ensure the long-term quality of GI is secured.	Noted. The SPD makes reference to NE's GI principles document and this operates as a free standing material consideration. The SPD seeks to secure Section 106 agreements to ensure delivery and on-going maintenance of GI.
Q16a – Do you agree with the approach and suggested ways in which BNG as listed in policy GI SPD9 could be provided within Green Infrastructure?			
Q16b – Reason(s):			
Environment Agency	GI/5	The Environment Agency would support a target for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) greater than 10%. The Environment Agency is aiming for our own projects to provide 20% BNG and providing BNG within GI interventions could be a positive way of reaching and exceeding national requirements where feasible.	Noted. The Council's Biodiversity Net gain SPD supports delivering BNG of more than 10% (up to 20%). The viability of this will be tested as part of the Local Plan review process.
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	6.10 There are opportunities for new Green Infrastructure to accommodate Biodiversity Net Gain and for BNG solutions themselves to incorporating Green Infrastructure . Is the latter sentence, correct?	Agreed. Para 6.11.1 has been amended to read: "...accommodate Bio-diversity Net Gain and for BNG solutions to become part of wider GI solutions themselves to incorporating Green Infrastructure ."
Individual	GI/9	The development off water lane that is locally referred to as The Avalon estate, it looks unfinished appearance. That is one example of a poor job	Noted. This is an issue related to a specific proposal and not the GI SPD.

		done and no regard to the policies that you asked the developer to adhere to.	
Natural England	GI/17	Natural England agree with the overall approach. NE suggest where areas within GI that are designed for nature and are less formal and “scruffy”, to consider where these are placed and also engage with community as to the reasoning for this, i.e. it is not through lack of management but for the benefits to biodiversity and the community.	Noted. This is a detailed design matter. The principle is agreed that BNG areas should be ‘less attractive’ for visitors to avoid damage. The SPD can achieve this through other guidance.
	GI/22		
Q17a – Do you agree with the approach and measures identified in policy GI SPD10 that should be considered in order to deliver SuDS within Green Infrastructure?			
Q17b – Reason(s):			
Individual	GI/9	Sustainable drainage does not exist for the Avalon Road and the A617 still floods and also the square in Pleasley worse than ever before.	Noted. This is an issue related to a specific proposal and not the GI SPD.
Historic England	GI/11	Consideration needs to be given to the historic environment in the context of SuDS and how any changes to the watercourse may affect heritage assets such as waterlogged archaeology.	Noted. This is more logically dealt with through the SuDS SPD. Other Local Plan policies are designed to protect designated and non-designated heritage assets. No change proposed.
Historic England	GI/11	Paragraph 6.13 this is welcomed and we would further consider assessing the holistic value of the historic environment and heritage as a key component of landscape and reference this issue here.	Noted. The value of a positive relationship between GI heritage assets is a theme throughout the GI SPD. Heritage assets are already referred to in para 6.13. No change proposed.
Q18a – Do you agree with the approach set out in policy GI SPD11 for considering development proposals within or adjacent to existing Green Infrastructure?			
Q18b – Reason(s):			

Environment Agency	GI/5	The EA agree with the approach set out in policy GI SPD11 which will safeguard and improve habitats and provide climate change mitigation.	Noted.
Individual	GI/9	In terms of whether 'Proposals should avoid negative impacts upon existing GI'. Built development is permitted provided that reasonable mitigation is made to the GI network (preferably on site). Enhancements could include greater quantity, improved quality and / or - replace should with "will" and who checks all of this? No evidence to say that there has been compliance - a bit toothless.	The GI SPD seeks to result in net benefits to GI and protection of existing. Non-compliance / breaches of planning control with requirements contained within a planning permission can be pursued through enforcement procedures.
Historic England	GI/11	Where setting contributes to the significance of heritage assets then harm should not occur and development should be refused. Heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource. The SPD should be clear that where harm occurs to heritage then 'interpretation' will not be the solution.	Agree. Wording of GI SPD 11 amended to read: "Where new development has an impact on GI containing or surrounding Heritage Assets, no harm to the asset of its setting should result. Opportunities should be explored to provide 'interpretation'...."
Sport England	GI/14	The areas identified as Recreational Green Infrastructure include playing pitches and other outdoor sports facilities. It will be important to ensure that any enhancements to these areas complement their primary sporting function and do not prejudice the use, or lead to the loss of use of these areas for sport.	Noted. This will be a matter of detailed design.
Natural England	GI/17	It is not clear what the approach is to GI and mitigation to designated sites (Sites of Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA)) within and without the Mansfield District boundary. These protected areas should remain protected from disturbance. Any increase in human connectivity to these important ecological sites should be avoided so their ecological objectives are not compromised.	Agreed. New paragraph to be added to GI SPD 11 to state: " In all circumstances where new or improved GI is delivered within or close to designated sites such as Sites of Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA))

			within and close to the administrative boundary of Mansfield District the implications of GI on these designations should be carefully considered.”
Q19 – Do you have any other comments about the content of the draft SPD?			
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	The Spa Ponds site should be included in Appendix D – Heritage based Green Infrastructure, as recognised in the Local Green Space designation and the site's inclusion as a non-designated heritage asset.	Noted. Appendix D is a direct extract from the GI Study 2018. It is accepted that there will be other non-designated heritage assets that need to be taken into account.
Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)	GI/3	Local green Spaces should be either included within Appendix F – Green Infrastructure and ecological networks or as a separate appendix.	Appendix 12 of the Mansfield Local Plan 2013 to 2033 already sets out the areas designated as ‘Local Green Spaces’.
Aldergate Properties Ltd	GI/4	Questions the need for non-statutory SPDs which attract a small number of responses. The cost of producing them would be better spent elsewhere.	Noted. The SPDs are needed to provide additional detail to Local Plan policies.
Aldergate Properties Ltd	GI/4	Concerned that the SPD (and others) is adding to the bureaucracy of planning and increasing costs of consultants.	Noted. The SPD is designed to clarify the Council’s expectations and not add to bureaucracy.
Aldergate Properties Ltd	GI/4	Not opposed to the principle of Green Infrastructure.	Noted.
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	Green Infrastructure may be required as a statutory obligation to mitigate project impacts, local policy requirements. In these circumstances, certain habitats, features or functionality may be required.	Noted. The Local Plan policy and associated SPD seeks to address this. It is acknowledged that GI may be a requirement of planning determinations where adverse

			impacts can be mitigated by new GI.
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	All Green infrastructure features can form part of the national Nature Recovery Network. Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRSSs) will set priorities for nature's recovery and map the most valuable existing areas for nature.	Noted. The LNRS is referred to in the SPD.
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	The Environment Act 2021 includes provisions that will make BNG mandatory in England for most development types. Includes within it many common green infrastructure habitat features, such as SUDs, green roofs and walls etc. and their BNG requirements.	Agreed. This is referred to in the SPD and in more detail in the Council's adopted BNG SPD which is also a material consideration.
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	GI/8	The GI Strategy should seek to balance provision of recreational space with more amenity value against that with habitats of value for wildlife.	Noted. The GI SPD encourages both. The detailed solution will depend on the specific circumstances.
Individual	GI/9	A Green Wedge Policy could be successful in keeping important open green spaces in and urban areas available for formal and informal recreation, providing visually open areas for amenity purposes and in separating the form of settlements and development areas. An air quality policy could also support GI they complement each other.	Noted. The SPD cannot introduce new policy (including Green Wedges) which are not in the Local Plan. Reference is now made to Air Quality.
Individual	GI/9	<p>The SPD needs to consider the issues below and have them listed in the policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Green Wedges •Green Spaces •Green Corridors •Green Routes •Green Links <p>And do not mix employment sites with residential, keep the employment sites regional closer to motorway junctions</p>	<p>Noted. The Local Plan does not allow for 'Green Wedges'. These are policy tools to maintain strategic separation of built up areas. The previous Green Wedge policy in the 1998 Local Plan has now lapsed.</p> <p>Green spaces and green corridors are specifically referred to in the GI SPD. Green routes and links are covered in the</p>

			definition of GI corridors. Para 6.3.1 refers to: “.....green corridors with walking, cycling and bridleway routes”. This covers routes and links.
Forestry Commission	GI/12	We have reviewed the Supplementary Planning Document and fully support its aims and ethos as an exemplar example. Particularly in regard to tree planting for natural flood management, improving and expanding wildlife corridors, cooling rivers and air temperatures but also for improving air quality in urban areas.	Noted and welcomed.
The Coal Authority	GI/13	It is noted however that this current consultation relates to a draft SPD on Green Infrastructure. I can confirm that the Planning team at the Coal Authority have no specific comments to make on this consultation document.	Noted.
Individual	GI/16	Para 1.12 makes reference to the NPPG stating that SPDs should “..... not add unnecessarily to the cost of development.” The types of measures/gain the document refers to will certainly add costs, in some case significant ones, to certain types of development. Another issue to add to the viability arguments but clearly the SPD does have extra cost implications.	Noted. The SPD seeks to give guidance to how policy IN4 can be implemented. It does not introduce new policy. It is accepted that new GI policies developed through the Local Plan Review will require viability assessment.
Individual	GI/16	I cannot see any reference in the document to the strategic sites possibly being in private ownership and the constraints this may bring, such as in terms of gaining public access. Some acknowledgement of the fact that some of the sites are in private ownership should be mentioned which may affect what improvements can be achieved.	It is acknowledged that some of the areas that are strategic GI. These are designated in the adopted Local Plan. The SPD does not amend this.

Individual	GI/20	Expresses concern regarding the road infrastructure in Mansfield not being capable of supporting the increased volume of traffic that the completed residential projects will generate. Examples are cited at Oaktree Lane, Jubilee Way, Eakring road, Southwell Road and Violet Hill which are congested especially at peak times.	Noted. This is matter for the emerging Local Plan and not the Green Infrastructure SPD.
Individual	GI/20	The Jubilee development area will spoil the natural environment. Jubilee way is prone to flooding some making the road near impassable.	Noted. This is a matter for the emerging Local Plan.
Individual	GI/20	The new golf centre should have open access to all Mansfield residents to encourage local players.	Noted. This is beyond the scope of the SPD.
Individual	GI/21	Concerned about- green spaces are disappearing at an alarming rate. Planning applications seem to be approved no matter what they destroy in the process.	Noted. The GI seeks to deliver new green spaces and protect existing spaces. Local Plan policies seek to protect
Individual	GI/21	The SPD document is not in simple enough language for the average layman	Noted. It is acknowledged that some of the language is technical in nature. The Planning Policy team are willing to explain and provide clarity in relation to any technical or unclear issues.
Individual	GI/23	There is a need to replace the trees on Westgate.	Noted. This is a detailed matter outside of the scope of the SPD.

6.0 Conclusion

6.1 This consultation focused on the Council's approach to securing the provision of Green Infrastructure (GI) through new developments. There was a modest response to the consultation and the comments were informative. The comments received were sufficiently detailed to have helped inform the content of the GI SPD. There was a mix of respondents representing specific consultation bodies, general consultation bodies and a small number of landowners.

Next steps

6.2 All comments have been considered and will inform the final version. In summary, the following changes have been made to the SPD as a result of the consultation:

- Lindhurst has been identified as a potential 14th area of Green Infrastructure
- GI SPD 3 has been amended to clarify that: "Adjoining' the GI network includes areas where is close enough to impact upon that network."
- Paragraph 6.11.3 has been amended to refer to participation in the 'Local Nature Recovery Strategy' and the recently adopted Biodiversity Opportunities Map (BOM).
- Reference is made to the Birklands and Bilhaugh SAC zone of influence and a map showing the zone of influence produced by Newark & Sherwood District Council.
- Paragraph 4.8 has been amended to clarify that the SPD can help towards giving guidance to developers who will fall within 10 Km Impact Risk and where potential impacts of a development cannot be ruled out depending on the scale and nature of development proposed.
- The identified benefits of GI have been extended in paragraph 5.2 to state: "Health – Green and blue infrastructure can offer substantial physical and mental health benefits." and that there are benefits resulting from tranquillity.
- The beneficial impact of GI on soils, amenity, water management, water quality and hydrological connections, carbon sequestration, energy production and temperature control has been added to paragraph 5.2.
- A footnote has been added to GI SPD 3 to assist explain the benefits of GI on Climate Change.
- GI SPD 4 has been amended to refer to 'detering inappropriate access to sensitive sites that could adversely harm important biodiversity or be a risk to site users'
- Para 6.8.2 has been amended to refer to 'controlling invasive non-native species that can impact on bank erosion'.



- Paragraph 1.11 has been amended to clarify all references to ‘Green Infrastructure’ shall incorporate ‘blue-infrastructure’.
- GI SPD 10 now includes references to Natural Flood Management (NFM).
- Multiple national guidance has been included in the SPD including that produced by Nottinghamshire County Council, Sport England, Natural England and the Environment Agency.
- GI SPD1 has been amended to refer to supporting nature to recover and thrive everywhere, in towns, cities and countryside.
- GI functions have been extended to include:
 - Strengthening ecological networks and reduce fragmentation of habitats
 - Delivering Biodiversity Net Gain requirements
 - Contributing to cross species objectives such as pollinator strategies
 - Integrating with the Nature Recovery Network and Local Nature Recovery Strategies
 - Helping to achieve targeted individual species recovery, and
 - Providing an opportunity to link with Natural Capital
- New paragraphs 6.10.6 to 6.10.8 have been added to consider:
 - The long-term management and maintenance of GI to achieve multi-functionality.
 - Considering management and maintenance considerations early in the design process. Developers should positively manage GI to provide benefits into the future. In developments implemented in phases, this should be a consideration long term.
 - Involving local communities and local stakeholders in discussions on long term management and delivery.
- Para 6.11.1 has been amended to refer to GI solutions incorporating Green Infrastructure.
- Paragraph 5.2 has been amended to refer to “Air Quality and how Green and Blue infrastructure can help to address it.
- Para 6.3 has been amended to make it clear that the Local Plan policy IN2 has precedence.
- GI SPD has been amended to refer to Heritage landscapes and specified heritage assets.
- GI SPD 3 has been amended to add a further bullet point to refer to ‘opportunities for communities to be physically active’.
- A new para 6.12.6 has been added to refer to Mansfield District Council’s ‘Sustainable Drainage Systems’ SPD.
- GI SPD 4 has been amended to refer to: “Exploring opportunities to explore enhancement of the quality of sites and connection of isolated sites through creation of new or expanded corridors and stepping stones.
- Policies have been amended to refer to re-naturalising watercourses and restoration of natural habitats.

- GI SPD 11 has been amended to protect the integrity of designated sites such as Sites of Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA).
- 6.3 The document is due to be adopted in March 2024. Following this, the document will be used to guide developers and inform planning decisions in Mansfield district.

Appendix 1

- Letter

85 letters sent

<p>Mansfield District Council</p> 	<p>post should be addressed to the Planning Policy Team Leader at the address below and reach the council no later than 5pm on 20 October 2023.</p> <p>Mansfield District Council Civic Centre Chesterfield Road South Mansfield NG19 7BH</p> <p>Please note that any comments you make may be made publicly available. We will process your data in accordance with our privacy statement. This can be viewed at www.mansfield.gov.uk/privacy.</p> <p>You have received this letter because you are listed on Mansfield District Council's Local Plan database. We'd be grateful if you could let us know your email address so that we can reduce our paper usage. Please contact us, quoting your reference or username, at lp@mansfield.gov.uk or on 01623 463322 / 463200 / 463182 to update your details, for further information, or to be removed from our records.</p> <p>Yours Faithfully</p> <p>Paul Tebbitt Policy Planner Mansfield District Council</p>
<p>«AddressBlock»</p> <p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>Re: Mansfield District Council Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on Green Infrastructure (GI)</p> <p>Mansfield District Council is committed to delivering sustainable communities that are safe, healthy and inclusive. This includes the provision of Green Infrastructure through new developments.</p> <p>The District Council has produced an SPD to expand upon policies in the Adopted Mansfield District Local Plan 2013 – 2033 (which can be viewed at https://www.mansfield.gov.uk/local-plan/adopted-local-plan-2013-2033).</p> <p>The draft Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) relates to Policy IN2 of the Local Plan and sets out the preferred approach to delivering new GI and protect, enhance and manage existing GI networks within the district. It encourages the creation of local GI and linkages to existing strategic green infrastructure when development is proposed.</p> <p>You can make comments on the draft SPDs from 8 September to 5pm on 20 October. All comments received will be used to inform the final documents which, upon adoption by Mansfield District Council, will be material considerations when determining planning applications.</p> <p> You can view the documents and comment online by visiting our consultation portal: https://mansfield-consult.objective.co.uk/kse or by scanning the QR code on the left with the camera on your smartphone.</p> <p>Your username is: «Username»</p> <p>To make comments online, please contact us quoting your reference or username, at lp@mansfield.gov.uk or on 01623 463322 / 463182 / 463200 so that we can link your account with your email address and send you a password.</p> <p>You can also view a copy of each document at the Civic Centre and at each county library in the district during the consultation period. Please check opening times.</p> <p>Comments must be made in writing and should preferably be sent electronically via the consultation portal or by email to lp@mansfield.gov.uk. Any comments sent by</p>	
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Good afternoon,

Re: Mansfield District Council Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on Green Infrastructure (GI)

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The draft **Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)** relates to Policy IN2 of the Local Plan and sets out the preferred approach to delivering new GI, and protecting, enhancing and managing the existing GI networks within the district. It encourages the creation of local GI and linkages to existing strategic green infrastructure when development is proposed.

You can make comments on the draft SPD from **8 September to 5pm on 20 October**. All comments received will be used to inform the final document which, upon adoption by Mansfield District Council, will be a material consideration when determining planning applications.

You can view the document and comment online by visiting our consultation portal: <https://mansfield-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>.

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You can also view a copy of the document at the Civic Centre and at each county library in the district during the consultation period. Please check opening times.

Comments must be made in writing and should preferably be sent electronically via the consultation portal or by email to lp@mansfield.gov.uk. Any comments sent by post should be addressed to the Planning Policy Team Leader at the address below and reach the council no later than **5pm on 20 October 2023**.

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Yours Faithfully

Planning Policy Team
Mansfield District Council

- Press release

Press release (8 September 2023) at

<https://www.mansfield.gov.uk/news/article/12736/have-your-say-on-bio-diversity-in-mansfield>

Have your say on bio-diversity in Mansfield

Do you care about the environment, bio-diversity and climate change? If so, you have a chance to shape the planning guidance being drawn up for developers in Mansfield.



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A draft supplementary planning document (SPD) concerning Green Infrastructure has been drafted by Mansfield District Council and interested parties are now being asked to comment on it during a six-week public consultation from 8 September to 20 October.

The document will guide developers in the future when designing new building projects in how to improve habitats for plants and animals, and help create green corridors to allow wildlife to thrive across the district.

Cllr Stuart Richardson, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Growth, said: "The council is committed to making Mansfield a greener place which values its wildlife and open spaces and helping to create new habitats for plants and wildlife.

"This proposed document expands on guidance already contained within the council's adopted planning strategy, the Local Plan and I would encourage anyone with an interest in the green environment to let us know their opinions."

The draft supplementary planning document encourages high quality green infrastructure, such as networks of multi-functional green space, and ensuring its maintenance in the long term, as part of any major development.

The new SPD, once adopted, would also help developers consider additional matters such as biodiversity and resilience to climate change, including how to reduce the potential for flooding. It will also encourage them to increase the amount of informal open space in the district and improve the public realm.

The draft document can be viewed and downloaded online at the council's planning consultation portal at <https://mansfield-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/>. People can take part in the consultation by answering questions at the end of each section using the online or paper questionnaires.

Printed copies of the draft guidance can be viewed at Mansfield Civic Centre or at libraries within the district. A printed copy can also be provided, in exceptional circumstances, where someone is unable to access the document online. These should be returned in person or by mail.

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- Poster



Mansfield District Council

Are you interested in shaping guidance for developers on green infrastructure within the district?



The Draft Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) sets out the preferred approach to delivering new, and improving existing, Green Infrastructure as a result of new developments.

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**by 5pm on
20 October 2023**

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