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Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Leck Hampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan. Our specific considerations are outlined below:

We support the updated language in paragraph 157 and related policies, which now more explicitly link green infrastructure and biodiversity enhancement with flood mitigation.

We acknowledge that planning permissions have now been granted for two major developments within the Neighbourhood Plan area — the Miller Homes development on land previously referred to as fields R2 and R3, and the Redrow Homes development near Church Road and Farm Lane. While these sites can no longer be designated as protected green infrastructure, we strongly support the Parish Council's continued efforts to ensure they are developed in a way that is sensitive to local ecology, landscape character, and biodiversity net gain principles.

GWT would also like to suggest an amendment to Policy **LWH 4 – Green infrastructure**

'Development proposals should conserve and enhance the parish's green infrastructure network. New developments should contribute to biodiversity net gain, ecological connectivity, and access to green spaces.'

The below amendments would not constitute a full material change to policy within the NDP, as it does not alter the strategic scope or purpose of the Plan. It simply expands upon existing environmental commitments by encouraging stewardship and monitoring.



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Ideally, we would like to see the inclusion of wording that would help to encourage Building With Nature guidelines and Biodiversity Monitoring post development along the lines of;

'Development proposals should conserve and enhance the parish's green infrastructure network. New developments should contribute to biodiversity net gain, ecological connectivity, and access to green space. Post Development, an applicant is encouraged to provide Habitat management plans and biodiversity monitoring to ensure long term deliverability. The use of best-practice frameworks, like Building with Nature, is encouraged to achieve these goals.'

Through this amendment, **LWH 4** would be enhanced as a long-term policy. Ensuring not only an initial implementation of GI but also securing GI management long term on any new developments. Providing better GI retention within the Parish and wider network.

Regards,

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