

**Written statement on Supplementary Questions (6/5/20) on behalf of:**

**Barton in Fabis Parish Council, Clifton Village Residents Association, Lark Hill Retirement Village Residents, Thrumpton Parish Meeting and SAVE Campaign Group**

**Matter 4 – Development Management Policies**

**Question 50: Should Policy DM4 and the supporting text in paragraph 5.56 require net gains in biodiversity?**

1. Yes. This would be consistent with principles outlined in the NPPF particularly regarding ‘enhancing the natural and local environment’ (para 170 a), b), d) e)) and ‘habitats and biodiversity’ (paras 175 (d) and 177) as outlined in our response to **Question 6**

**Question 51: The Planning Practice Guidance (ID:8-036-20190721) states that policies may set out criteria against which proposals for development affecting landscapes that have particular value will be assessed. Paragraph 5.62 of the Plan states that national guidance requires such policies. Should this paragraph be amended?**

1. Yes. Paragraph 5.62 should make specific reference to the requirements for Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity Assessments and Landscape and Visual Assessments to be provided in line with PPG 8-036-20190721

**Question 52: The wording of paragraphs 5.135 and 5.136 would appear to allow some latitude in determining whether extended aftercare periods are necessary and in using planning agreements to secure aftercare provisions. This would not be consistent with the requirements of Policy DM12 part (5). I suggest the following changes, however the Council may wish to suggest alternative wording. 5.135. (second sentence): Where possible and where appropriate, voluntary Extended aftercare periods will be negotiated for those uses that would benefit from such longer periods and will be secured by condition. 5.136. (second sentence): Developers will be encouraged to enter into Planning agreements will be used to ensure that the appropriate aftercare provisions remain in effect for the required aftercare period.**

1. We fully support these amendments and the proposed wording. We would further add that it should be required by planning condition that all restoration schemes proposed by developers should be underwritten via membership of the Minerals Products Association Restoration Guarantee Fund or similar financial bond.