

Appendix 2 Moortown Neighbourhood Design Statement Formal Public Consultation Responses

Organisation	Comment / issue	Response
Natural England	SPD could consider making provision for Green Infrastructure (GI) within development, in line with any GI strategy covering the area.	New recommendation 4.6 "Consideration to be given to provision of Green Infrastructure on new developments and encouragement to be given for retrofitting of green infrastructure to existing developments." To the best of our knowledge the Leeds City Region GI strategy is at a higher level than our document could link with.
	Make reference to NPPF guidance on Green Infrastructure	Include references to NPPF policy 114, NPPF Planning Practical Guidance on Green Infrastructure
	Consider opportunities to "retrofit" green infrastructure by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • green roof systems and roof gardens • green walls to provide insulation, shading or cooling • new tree planting or altering the management of land (eg verges). 	Additional para at end of chap 4 "Given the limited extent of open green space, every effort should be made to make use of built structures to enhance wildlife opportunities, such as green roofs, new tree planting, installation of bird or bat boxes."
	Consider issues relating to protection of natural resources, including air quality, ground and surface water and soils within urban design plans.	We believe that air quality has been addressed in chap 5 both in the introduction and the recommendations. Ground water quality would be subject to city wide policies and does not need further enunciation. We note a typographical error in numbering of our recommendations in this chapter and will amend accordingly.
	Consider incorporating features which are beneficial to	See above

	wildlife within urban developments in line with NPPF para 118 (eg bird and bat boxes).	
	Landscape enhancement The SPD may provide opportunities to enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment; use natural resources more sustainably; and bring benefits for the local community, for example through green infrastructure provision and access to and contact with nature.	Noted.
	Landscape characterisation and townscape assessments, and associated sensitivity and capacity assessments provide tools for planners and developers to consider how new development might make a positive contribution to the character and functions of the landscape through sensitive siting and good design and avoid unacceptable impacts. For example, it may be appropriate to seek that, where viable, trees should be of a species capable of growth to exceed building height and managed so to do, and where mature trees are retained on site, provision is made for succession planting so that new trees will be well established by the time mature trees die.	Add Community Aspiration CA 4.5 "Where viable, for new developments, verges and parkland, trees should be of a species capable of growth to exceed building height and managed to do so, with provision made for succession planting."
	Consider design principles in NPPF relating to the impact of lighting on landscape and diversity	Include reference to NPPF para 125
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Built Environment YWT welcomes the proposed community garden at the end of Allerton Grove and advises that the area is	Whereas we intend that this space will be as green as practicable we are advised by Leeds City Council officers that planting of trees will not be possible

	designed and managed for wildlife. Recommend native plant and tree species of local provenance.	because of interference with services below ground and that all plants must be held in containers amenable to movement should it be necessary to access services beneath.
	YWT welcomes the aspiration for formation of supporter and "Friends" groups, advising that they be adequately supervised by a suitably experienced organisation and are adequately funded.	Newly formed Friends of Moortown Park is associated with Leeds City Council through Leeds Parks and Green Space Forum.
	<p>Natural Environment</p> <p>We welcome the identification and mapping of green spaces and wildlife rich areas within Moortown. We welcome the retention and enhancement of the existing wildlife corridor. We advise that a policy on the protection and enhancement of the green corridor is included within the Neighbourhood Design Statement. We advise that developments within the corridor retain connectivity features vital for wildlife movement (such as hedgerows, grassland strips, deciduous woodland, ponds etc.) in addition to incorporating biodiversity into the design of schemes to provide biodiversity net gains. Such could include the enhancement of hedgerows, the management of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) for biodiversity, planting wildflower rich grassland verges, the planting of street trees and incorporating green roofs into the design of developments. The installation of bird and bat boxes into developments can also help promote wildlife within developments.</p>	Rec 4.2 to be extended with "including retention and enhancement of connectivity and incorporating biodiversity planning into design of any developments around and within them.
	We advise that all planting schemes within developments consist of native species of local	New Rec 4.7 " All planting schemes within developments should consist of native species of

	<p>provenance only in order to best support local mammal, bird and invertebrate populations. Care should be taken to select tree and shrub species that fruit at different times of year in order to ensure that there is a year round supply of fruit for birds and mammals.</p>	<p>local provenance only in order to best support local mammal, bird and invertebrate populations."</p>
	<p>Yorkshire Wildlife Trust welcomes the proposed ecological surveys. Ecological surveys of greenspaces are essential to inform a strong evidence base on which planning decisions are made. The ecological surveys will also be able to guide the type of location of ecological enhancements.</p>	<p>Support noted.</p>
	<p>Yorkshire Wildlife Trust welcomes the provision of community allotments. Such green infrastructure not only provides a source of local food production but also provides health and wellbeing benefits.</p>	<p>Support noted.</p>
	<p>Yorkshire Wildlife Trust welcomes the protection and enhancement of pedestrian walking routes and cycle paths.</p>	<p>Support noted.</p>
<p>Historic England</p>	<p>"Moortown has only 4 listed buildings, all grade II (itemised in attached schedule)" "We note that the Statement refers to only 2 listed buildings, and therefore should be amended...."</p>	<p>HE attached schedule lists Moor Allerton School as being within Moortown, but it is outside our specified area and in Roundhay Ward. A further building quoted in their schedule is 1-5 Queen's Court, which is described as being in Briggate in the centre of Leeds. Interestingly the map associated with this reference in their database is centred on Queen's Court apartment block off Whinbrook Cres, Moortown. This appears to be a major error in their records. Our reference to 2 listed properties in</p>

		Moortown remains unchanged. JP to write to HE advising their amendments
	"We would suggest that reference is made to Historic England's "Good Practice Guide for Local Heritage Listing"	Community Aspiration 3.2 to be extended " with reference to Historic England's document "Local Heritage Listing". "
	it would be helpful if "existing vistas, skylines and landmarks" were marked and individually identified on character area maps as well as in Figure 2.28 "Moortown Analysis Plan"	Illustration should be Figure 3.28 and therefore renumber. A positive decision had been made that despite there being many important views within the area, such as the tree lined streets, no one viewpoint was striking enough to be singled out for identification on maps.
	The statement could benefit from identifying negative sites within Moortown with suggestions for their improvement	We believe we have done that satisfactorily.
	Recommend reference to NPPF Section 12, paras 135, 136, 139 in relation to non-designated heritage assets	Include paras 135, 136, 139 in appendix ii references to NPPF.
Highways England	"we agree that the design statement has been positively prepared in line with core strategy and supports the policies that look to retain and enhance cycle ways, footpaths, bridleways and public transport as these measures can significantly contribute towards reducing the impact on the Strategic Road Network."	Support noted.
National Grid	No specific comment	No action required.
Sport England	No specific comment	No action required.
Wakefield Council	No specific comment	No action required.

Selby District Council	No specific comment	No action required.
The Canal and River Trust	No specific comment	No action required.
Philip Green	The community garden between the north and south parades at Moortown Corner is a fantastic idea	Support noted.
	The option for improvement to pedestrian safety, car parking and traffic through flow at the southern parade is also fantastic	Support noted.
	I welcome the forthcoming Moortown Park which will indeed be a major improvement to the area and also a valuable amenity	Support noted.
Janine Lewis	No specific comment	No action required.