

Colchester City Council Local Plan consultation

3. Strategic Policies

Page 17-19 - Policy ST2: Environment and the Green Network and Waterways

Open spaces should be incorporated into other strategies and plans for the site, such as Please add and make specific reference to Include Health and wellbeing strategies thereby ensuring a clear link between nature, environment and health is made

Justification; access to and a lack of green spaces in areas of higher poverty and deprivation linked to the wider determinants of health. This constitutes to and exacerbates health inequalities. Green spaces improve health and wellbeing, provide community areas to combat loneliness. These are an asset that support population health through preventive healthcare and support climate resilience in urban and rural settings.

Page 26-27 - Policy ST4: Development in the Countryside (Might be something you would like to comment on)

4. Environment

Page 44 – Introduction

Page 45 - Policy EN1: Nature Conservation Designated Sites; Support proposal to include the policy

Page 46-48 - Policy EN2: Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and Environmental Net Gain; Support proposal to include the policy

Page 49-50 - Policy EN3: Biodiversity and Geodiversity; Support proposal to include the policy

Page 51 - Policy EN4: Irreplaceable Habitats; Support proposal to include the policy

Page 52-53 - Policy EN5: New and Existing Trees; Support proposal to include the policy. It may be advisable to include that ‘appropriate’ species selection includes acknowledgement that this should include future climate appropriate specie selection i.e. Drought tolerant etc.

Page 58-60 - Policy EN8: Flood Risk and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS); Support proposal to include the policy

Page 61-62 - Policy EN9: Pollution and Contaminated Land; Support proposal to include the policy. Policy would be enhanced by linking possible nature based solutions such as tree planting to support effort to reduce air pollution.

5. Green Network and Waterways

Page 63 – Introduction; Cross reference opening statement with health and wellbeing plans and NHS 10 year plan to support preventative healthcare.

Page 64-65 - Policy GN1: Open Space and Green Network and Waterways Principles; Support proposal to include the policy. Policy may be enhanced by inserting requirement (that is contained with the justification) on corridors and connectivity.

Page 71 - Policy GN5: Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace; Support proposal to include the policy

6. Net Zero Homes and Buildings, Renewable Energy and Water

Page 81 – Introduction; Include ventilation alongside healthy homes essential for indoor air quality . A home needs to have adequate levels of ventilation regardless whether it is a net zero home or not.

Page 82-86 - Policy NZ1: Net Zero Carbon Development (in operation); Support proposal to include the policy.

Page 87-88 - Policy NZ2: Net Zero Carbon Development – embodied carbon; Support proposal to include the policy

Page 89-90 - Policy NZ3: Wastewater and Water Supply; Support proposal to include the policy

Page 91-92 - Policy NZ4: Renewable Energy; Support proposal to include the policy. Policy would be enhanced by specifically prioritising brownfield areas, car parks and existing built environments before the loss of agricultural land.

11. Place and Connectivity

Page 137-138 - Policy PC1: Healthier Food Environments; Support proposal to include the policy

Page 139-140 - Policy PC2: Active and Sustainable Travel; Support proposal to include the policy

In a) for inclusivity, add in reference to wheeling so reads walking, wheeling and cycling. F) should be more inclusive; use the phrase active travel alongside walking and cycling networks. Within justification make specific reference to Gear Change' (Governments cycling strategy) which contains reference that demonstrate the benefit and health impacts. Refence to preventive health benefits of active travel and the requirement for safe and accessible infrastructure.

Page 153-155 - Policy PC7: Residential Schemes on Greenfield Sites; Support proposal to include the policy. Policy would be enhanced by specifically linking to green corridors and street trees policy

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