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Representation

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Which part of the Publication Plan does your representation relate to?

8. Natural Environment and Heritage

Tests of Soundness

Do you consider the Local Plan is sound in terms of being:

Justified
Effective
Positively prepared
Consistent with National Policy

Reasons

Please give the reason(s) why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the statutory Duty to Cooperate.

Why is it necessary to change Policy when it has been effective and proven to work perfectly well. The new proposals as set out below are flawed as they do not include Cransley and Thorpe Malsor Reservoirs. Both these reservoirs have been protected up until now by Policy 10 which has been retained in the Local Plan since 1995 as it is widely agreed that these reservoirs are an important wildlife resource in our area. They are also beauty spots, close to Kettering and are connected by the footpath network. They are also part of an important wildlife corridor that stretches from Mawsley Marsh (a SSSI) to Cransley Reservoir (a Local Wildlife Site) and onto Thorpe Reservoir. Wetland birds (both migratory and British residents) are able to use this interconnecting resource for feeding, nesting and raising young. Policy 10 has stood the test of time, has been accepted and valued as an important planning policy tool and is much needed, going forward, to protect a very significant part of our local green infrastructure.
In short this is a big 'watering down' of planning protection for these two reservoirs. It shows a picture of Cransley Reservoir but doesn't even mention it in the list of assets and Thorpe Reservoir or its paramount importance for future generations

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