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

Justified
Effective
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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.

Re: POLICY 10

As you will be aware our Local Plan (SSP2) is being updated. I am very concerned about the proposed changes to the planning protection for both Cransley and Thorpe Reservoir. The new proposed Local Plan is replacing Policy 10 with NEH2. This is a big 'watering down' of planning protection for these two 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.

I would like to strongly urge that the proposed changes are not implemented and that the current Policy 10 is retained thereby protecting these vital wild life and leisure resources.

Notifications

Do you wish to be notified?