

MATTER 8 – NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESOURCES

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Q117 – Policy ENV1

The response from Bollington Town Council to Question 117(b) is as follows:

Figure 4.1 is incomprehensible on-screen. It does not show regions of high/medium habitat distinctiveness or wild life corridors / core areas shown in Figures GE.1 and GE.2 of the Bollington Neighbourhood Plan. The map should be revised to include regions of high/medium habitat distinctiveness and wild life corridors / core areas shown in Figures GE.1 and GE.2 of the Bollington Neighbourhood Plan. PBD214, PBD215

The response from Bollington Town Council to Question 117(c) is as follows:

Full account must be taken of all aspects of policies covering ecology, landscape (including Green Belt and Open Spaces), Historic Environment, Traffic parking and congestion expressed in the Bollington Neighbourhood Plan (FDR536).

Insufficient account has been taken of the report of Cheshire Wildlife Trust in the Bollington Neighbourhood Plan. Figures GE.1 and GE.2 show regions of high/medium habitat distinctiveness or wild life corridors / core areas. Sites BOL 1 and BOL 3 are both shown as having significant distinctiveness. Site BOL 1 is shown as a wildlife corridor and site BOL 3 is shown as a core area (PBD216) (Note – BOL3 in the Initial Published Draft was renamed as BOL2 in the Revised Published Draft version of the SADPD).

Q118 – Policy ENV2

The response from Bollington Town Council to Question 118 is as follows:

The policy requires that development proposals must deliver an overall net gain for biodiversity. The proposals for allocation of sites in Bollington cannot possibly do this and do not comply or meet the recommendations of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust report or the policies of the Bollington Neighbourhood Plan (PDB217).

Q142-143 – Policy ENV16 – Surface water management and flood risk.

The response from Bollington Town Council to Questions 142 and 143 is as follows:

Whilst this policy itself is excellent in principle, it has not been applied satisfactorily in its application to choice of sites in Bollington and hence it is not clear and unambiguous. Bollington is susceptible to flooding damage as it is a linear Town lying mainly in a valley with steep sloping sides in parts and reference should be made to the requirements of Bollington Neighbourhood Plan with respect to developments in flood risk areas. Site BOL 1 lies on a slope on the side of Hall Hill above the Schools and housing developments adjoining Albert Road. The two schools have been flooded twice by water running down from the general area of site BOL1 – any development on this site would reduce the absorption and cause a faster run-off of water and make the risk of flooding worse for the Schools and housing below in contravention of paragraph 2 of this policy and it should not be safeguarded for future development. (PBD220, PBD222, PBD876)