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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Bradford City Area Action Plan (AAP)**

Thank you for consulting the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust on the above area action plan. The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust works across the Yorkshire and Humber region managing more than 95 reserves and with a membership of over 40,000. The YWT is the second oldest of the 47 Wildlife Trusts which work in partnership to cover the whole of the UK. The Trust's principal vision is to work for a Yorkshire rich in wildlife, valued and enjoyed by people.

We would like to make the following comments:

**Action Plan Objective 8:**

*'8. An enhanced natural environment with improved green infrastructure, water management and biodiversity'*

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust welcome and support objective 8 and its aim to incorporate wildlife and biodiversity into the development of Bradford City Area. Such is in accordance with Paragraph 118 of the NPPF which states that: *'opportunities to incorporate biodiversity in and around developments should be encouraged'*. We advise that wildlife is incorporated into the design of schemes at an early stage in order to secure the best gains for biodiversity and that developments are linked up in their approach in order to provide wildlife corridors across the city area.

*'Designing for Biodiversity: A Technical Guide for New and Existing Buildings (2nd edition) – Kelly Gunnell et.al., Riba Publishing'* provides detailed guidance on how biodiversity enhancements can be incorporated into new and existing buildings.

**Policy M5: Biodiversity in the City Centre**

[www.ywt.org.uk](http://www.ywt.org.uk)

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Yorkshire Wildlife Trust welcomes and supports the proposed policy on biodiversity and is pleased to note that all developments within the city centre would be expected to incorporate biodiversity into their design, where viable and feasible to do so. We advise that such enhancements are not just restricted to the projects highlighted to within the policy wording. Structural features such as bat and bird boxes and green/ gravel roofs can provide breeding habitats and shelter for a number of bird, mammal and invertebrate species. Yorkshire Wildlife trust has also reviewed the Ecological Assessment for the Shipley – Canal Road Corridor & Bradford City Centre Area Action Plans produced by West Yorkshire Ecology. We support the ecological enhancement recommendations made in the document, especially the suggested wild flower meadows at Frizinghall and Forster Square stations and advise that this is adopted.

**Policy M6: Green / Blue Infrastructure and Open Space within the City Centre**

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust welcomes and supports the proposed policy on green/ blue infrastructure. We advise that all blue/ green infrastructure is managed and designed to provide net gains in biodiversity.

The Town and Country Planning Association has produced guidance on how green infrastructure can be designed for biodiversity, which can be found on the link below:

[http://www.tcpa.org.uk/data/files/TCPA\\_TWT\\_GI-Biodiversity-Guide.pdf](http://www.tcpa.org.uk/data/files/TCPA_TWT_GI-Biodiversity-Guide.pdf)

I hope you find these comments useful.

Kind Regards,

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