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Wildlife Trust



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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Shipley and Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan**

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:

**Strategic Objective number 7**

*'7. Protect and enhance biodiversity and green infrastructure by strengthening ecological networks and establishing a multi-functional linear park; consisting of a chain of interconnected green spaces and natural environments linked to an improved Bradford Beck and the Canal Road Greenway.'*

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust welcomes and supports strategic objective number 7, which aims to protect and enhance biodiversity and green infrastructure. Such is in accordance with Paragraph 118 of the NPPF.

**Policy SCRC/ST1: Transport Improvements – Part B**

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust welcomes the requirement for transport schemes *'to take opportunities to enhance green infrastructure, biodiversity and habitat networks along the Corridor in line with Policy SCRC/NBE4 Biodiversity and Ecology and Policy SCRC/NBE1 Green Infrastructure'*. Such is in accordance with Paragraph 118 of the NPPF.



### **Policy SCRC/ST4: Station Improvements – point A. 3**

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust welcomes and supports the wording for station improvements to ‘*enhance biodiversity and ecological assets in line with Policy SCRC/NBE4 Biodiversity and Ecology*’.

### **Policy SCRC/NBE1: Green Infrastructure**

We welcome and support the proposed policy on green infrastructure. We advise that all blue/ green infrastructure is managed and designed to provide net gains in biodiversity.

Part of the Shipley & Canal Road AAP area is within our Aire Valley Living Landscape<sup>1</sup>. This is an area that we have identified as an important corridor for wildlife which connects habitats and allows wildlife to move between areas. In our Living Landscape areas we hope to restore, recreate and reconnect wildlife-rich areas by working in partnership with local communities, landowners, schools and businesses. We want wildlife to thrive, to disperse and re-colonise our landscape so future generations can encounter, experience and enjoy our natural heritage

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)

### **Policy SCRC/NBE3: The Bradford Beck**

We welcome and support the proposed policy to enhance the environmental quality of the Bradford Beck. Such is in accordance with Paragraph 118 of the NPPF. We advise that all developments along the beck provide ecological enhancements that complement the beck habitat.

### **Policy SCRC/NBE4: Biodiversity and Ecology**

We welcome and support the proposed policy on biodiversity, especially the wording on Local Wildlife Sites. Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs) are identified and selected for their local nature conservation value. They protect threatened species and habitats acting as buffers, stepping stones and corridors between nationally-designated wildlife sites. We are also pleased to note that the policy aims to secure a net gain in biodiversity within the AAP. Such is in accordance with Paragraph 9 of the NPPF.

I hope you find these comments useful.

Kind Regards,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ywt.org.uk/living-landscapes>