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South Lenches Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Response Form

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Part of the draft Neighbourhood Plan your representation refers to (e.g. section, objective or policy)

Policy 11. Wildlife and Biodiversity

Comments on this part of the Neighbourhood Plan

The Forestry Commission recommends that the Neighbourhood Plan includes:
a map to illustrate protected sites and ancient woodlands to improve protection.
There has been significant tree planting in the area over the last ten years. Further support for tree planting should focus on connecting and buffering ancient and native woodland, informed by the relevant Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) .
The LNRS identifies priorities and opportunities for nature

recovery at a local level, including opportunities for woodland creation and riparian enhancement buffer zones where appropriate. Reflecting a ref to LNRS and these aspirations within the Neighbourhood Plan helps support the delivery of local nature recovery objectives, increase tree cover, strengthen habitat connectivity and contribute to wider environmental benefits, while complementing policies protecting existing woodland, particularly ancient woodland and ancient and veteran trees. (avoid loss or deterioration of ancient woodland where development occurs in line with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): In England, paragraph 186(c))

Additionally, whilst habitat connectivity and appropriate habitat management are essential for wildlife to thrive, it should be recognised that, in the case of deer, population management is also an important consideration. Deer-related road safety issues have already been identified within the area, and deer numbers should be maintained at sustainable levels that are in balance with the carrying capacity of the local environment. Any development proposals should therefore ensure that they do not hinder the effective management of the deer population, whilst continuing to support ecological connectivity and biodiversity

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