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Dear Ruth

I have a query on the Plan, which I would be grateful if you and the PC would consider.

The NPPF requires (paragraph 174 d)) that planning policies should aim that development proposals should provide biodiversity net gain. As you know, government policy at the moment (shown by the Environment Act 2022) is that at least 10% gain should be achieved.

At the moment, the Plan contains no such policy. This would mean, for example, that there would be no development plan policy relating to the Garden Neighbourhood which would require net gain.

This would seem to me to be a significant omission in the light of national policy and sustainable development (basic conditions).

I would be grateful if you would consider this, and perhaps suggest a draft policy and supporting text to deal with it.

Regards

Christopher LM