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**REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2018-2033)**

**EXAMINATION**

**AGENDA**

**for**

**Hearing Session 7 Thursday 9 March 2023 10:00 – 13:00**

**Virtual Hearing**

**Matter 7: Protect and Enhance Distinctive and Natural Places – Built, Historic and Natural Environment**

*Issue: Does the Plan provide a framework for the management of the built, historic and natural environment that is soundly based, justified and consistent with the requirements of national policy?*

*Natural Environment*

1. Does Policy SP17 provide a clear and consistent framework for the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment?
2. Do Policies SP17 and DNP6 accurately reflect the requirements of national planning policy in respect of net benefit for biodiversity? and should Policy DNP6 be amended to include reference to promoting recreation linkages and promoting active travel?
3. Are the requirements of Policy DNP5 clear and consistent with national planning policy?
4. Is the reference in Policy DNP7 to ‘Special Trees’ necessary? and consistent with the requirements of national planning policy?
5. Are the requirements of Policy DNP8 in respect of the provision of green infrastructure assessments clear and based on robust and credible evidence?

*Built and Historic Environment*

1. Are the requirements of Policy DNP1 clear and consistent with national planning policy?
2. Should Policy SP18 refer to ‘preserve and enhance’ rather than ‘promote or enhance’ the significance of heritage assets?
3. Are Policies DNP 10 and 11 locally distinct or do they replicate the requirements of national planning policy?