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Page 14	SO6 -Wholly support net gains to the natural environment
Page 14	SO6 - Wholly Support regeneration of brownfield sites
Page 14	SO2 - There are fewer jobs in the District leading to a lot of out commuting, but some employers are struggling to fill vacancies, and use recruitment agencies, and our volunteers are struggling to find work due to a lack of transport.
Page 15	SO1 - Ensuring a proportion of affordable and social on all developments over 10 – doesn't that run the risk of lots of development in batches of 10. 10 lots of 10 is 100 houses and none of these will be affordable or social.
Page 16	SO1 - Affordable Housing – Consider adding 'revisit properties above shops to ensure they are being used and help convert to housing where possible'.
Page 17	Recognise pockets of biodiversity in increasingly fragmented habitats. The significance of a species is usually measured and small pockets of species are often ignored or overlooked. But a species is nonetheless important. Consider finding a way to protect small but locally significant populations which could be enhanced through habitat work e.g. Stonehouse newt ponds, which narrowly missed becoming SSSI, and with the right habitat work, could increase the newt population.
Page 17 Environment	SO6 - Point 25 - Sites that flood may be very important for biodiversity. Consider linking flooding sites and biodiversity action plans. We don't think you should be releasing regeneration sites from the floodplain for housing development.
Page 17	SO6 - Point 32 Really support a Green Infrastructure network of public open space provision throughout the District. Anecdotally, our volunteers really like being near green open spaces.
Page 19	Delivery – Consider the considerate builder scheme
Page 28	Holywell Orchard site in Dursley has a unique opportunity to be enhanced from the point of view of Biodiversity. Could it be mentioned?
Page 42	Stroud – We would like lockable cycling facilities for people with electric bikes. We have three staff with electric bikes and other staff would have them if they could. We operate a scheme for staff to buy them but we do know people who have had their electric bikes stolen.
Page 46	A mapped Gi network (green Infrastructure) – as a charity, we would be very happy to assist (funding permitting) in mapping the GI network, especially from the point of view of Biodiversity, habitats and ecological networks.
Page 65	<p>Brimscombe Port We note that PSO1 and PSO2 go right up to the waters edge. Consider having a buffer zone so our recently encountered otters can use the waterways. A waters edge verge of 3 to 4 meters would really help. It would also help waterbirds. The</p>

	development could also link developments and have places where people could see wildlife. It is important to really protect and enhance these blue corridors.
Page 77	PS13 Central River and Canal Corridor Again, development must make the best of the blue spaces and enhance them from a habitat point of view.
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Page 152	Support provision of traveller sites to comfortably meet travellers needs.  Could you add something in to say that we would engage with this community and the communities where sites are, to meet their needs and the needs of the communities where these sites exist.
Page 155	Delivery Policy HC4 Consider differentiating between affordable and social housing.  Homes and Communities Affordable Housing and Social Housing Consider differentiating between these two. Our more vulnerable volunteers need social housing. Some 'affordable' housing is often still unaffordable for people in receipt of universal credit. Shelter – Social rents are lower than so called 'affordable' rents which are set at up to 80% of the market rate. Social rents are pegged to local incomes to keep rents more affordable. <a href="https://england.shelter.org.uk/support_us/campaigns/what_is_social_housing">https://england.shelter.org.uk/support_us/campaigns/what_is_social_housing</a>
Page 155	Support the live work policy.  Many of our volunteers (beneficiaries) who would like to work cant drive, can't afford lessons, and couldn't afford to run a car. If the jobs they want aren't on a bus route there will be jobs they cannot take up.

Page 156	Support Community led housing
Page 159	DHC5 Wellbeing and healthy communities  Consider the impact of being close to nature, and seeing nature. There are studies available that document the beneficial effects of this. A very important policy.
DHC6	A very important policy. Consider this in light of Stratford Park which is very important for Biodiversity, has 6 species of bats that we survey regularly. We need to enhance and protect this habitat and the 3,000 trees we planted as part of the Big Tree plant will be helpful here. The value of this open space cannot be over-emphasised.
DHC7 Page 160	Natural Green Space Consider greater definition of what a natural green space is. Is it wildflower meadow, like the one we have developed at Capels Mill? This provides amazing biodiversity and increases insect life which is the bottom of the foodchain for other creatures. Could woodland as a category be defined? Tree planting is seen as one of the ways we can help climate change (alongside many other things) and pockets of woodland need to be developed, so they need to be identified at the planning stage. If they are planned well, with e.g. sculpture trails and footpaths/cycle paths, they can be good for people and good for wildlife. What does Amenity space mean? We think we should be moving away from mown grass areas, which take carbon to maintain them with mowers, and are often ecological deserts.
Delivery Policy E15	Could Forestry include smaller scale such as woodland enterprise diversification? Woodland is smaller scale, could include coppice crafts, hurdles, beans sticks, garden fence panels. Coppicing on a rotational basis is good for wildlife.
Delivery Policy E18 Page 170	We wouldn't support shop frontages being turned into amusement centres/arcades. We work with lots of people on low incomes, who have addiction issues. Amusement arcades would be a disaster on so many levels.
Delivery Policy E10	Tourism is really important, and especially eco -tourism.
Delivery Policy ES8	Very much support ES8. We must specify a native hedgerow, or species that support wildlife and encourage biodiversity. Be influenced by documents such as this one:- <a href="https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/03/british-trees-to-plant-in-your-garden/">https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/03/british-trees-to-plant-in-your-garden/</a> We like this wildlife hedge <a href="http://www.landcaretrees.co.uk/hedging.html">http://www.landcaretrees.co.uk/hedging.html</a>
Page 120 PS36	Sharpness Garden Village How high above river level is this and could be flood prone in 50-100 years or get cut off due to roads flooding. Strategic Green Infrastructure and landscaping – Could this include wetland re-creation, with willow for withies and biomass and reeds, and carbon sequestration as well as wildlife corridors. Can you clarify re the new rail station? Is this definite, possible, aspirational?