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Dear Sirs

Please find attached our response to the above consultation. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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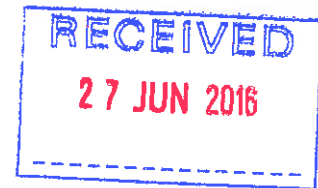
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Woodland Trust comments



1. Paragraph 2.2; SC13, SC14, SC15

The Woodland Trust would like to be consulted on Local Plans , Supplementary Planning Documents and other General Policies documents as a 'general consultation body'.

2. Major Applications Pre-Application Consultation SC16; Application Consultation SC17

In order to improve consultation on planning applications, the Woodland Trust would like this SCI to commit to consulting the Woodland Trust on any planning applications that destroy, degrade or threaten the irreplaceable habitat of ancient woodland. The **National Policy Planning Framework** clearly states: "*...planning permission should be refused for development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats, including ancient woodland and the loss of aged or veteran trees found outside ancient woodland...*" (DCLG, March 2012, para 118). The Woodland Trust therefore needs to be informed of these development cases.

Other Local Authority SCIs have incorporated this provision to consult the Woodland Trust on ancient woodland planning application cases, such as Swindon Borough Council SCI (March 2013), South Staffordshire District Council SCI (Oct 2013) and Worcestershire County Council (SCI Update 2014).

We draw your attention to (a) details of the location of ancient woodland are available through the county Ancient Woodland Inventory (Natural England) and ancient trees can be identified by the Ancient Tree Hunt data (<http://www.ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk/>). And (b) we also draw your attention to Natural England and the Forestry Commission's standing advice for Ancient woodland and veteran trees: protecting them from development - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ancient-woodland-and-veteran-trees-protection-surveys-licences>.

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