

**From:**  
**Sent:** 17 June 2016 11:41  
**To:** Bristol Local Plan  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Lawrence Weston NDP consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for consulting South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) on the submitted Lawrence Weston Neighbourhood Development Plan.

We have the following comments to make:

1. The adopted Core Strategy for South Gloucestershire states that: 'In the Severnside area, along with Avonmouth in Bristol, there are significant constraints, most notably flood risk, ecology, archaeology and transport infrastructure, and these need to be addressed so that the area's economic potential can be realised.' Proposals that come forward through the NDP will need to ensure that these constraints in this location are adequately addressed. We would therefore recommend an acknowledgement to this in the supporting text to policy JSB1 - To increase the provision of facilities for employment and training in the Neighbourhood Plan Area. We note that these issues are referenced in Policy SSP1, which is referenced in Policy JSB1.
  
2. Whilst the NDP does not include a policy on the environment, OPR1 Protect and enhance existing open space and allotments does refer to flooding in its supporting text. SGC are working with Bristol City Council, the Environment Agency and Natural England on the Avonmouth Severnside Enterprise Area (ASEA) mitigation and flood defence project. We consider it appropriate to reference this project in the plan and in this policy and in section 5.3 Opportunities. SGC website at [\[link\]](#) has more information about the project but to summarise: 'The ASEA Ecological Mitigation and Flood Defences project will be delivered by the Environment Agency's National Capital Programme Management Service (NCPMS) team. A project board has been set up, with representatives from Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council, the Environment Agency and Natural England. The group aims to construct flood defences which allow economic growth within the Enterprise Area whilst also respecting the conservation objectives of the adjacent Severn Estuary – a site designated for its important wildlife. Following a competitive tendering process, we have appointed CH2M consultants to begin technical work to identify possible types of flood defences and exactly where they need to be built i.e. their alignment. Defences are required both within the Enterprise Area and also further north between Severn Beach and Aust. CH2M will also investigate potential locations for the creation of new freshwater habitat as development of the Enterprise Area is likely to impact on species within the Severn Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA).' Future development proposals in the Lawrence Weston Neighbourhood Area under this NDP will need to ensure they do not conflict with the aims of this project to deliver the required mitigation and flood defence for the ASEA.
  
3. We are generally supportive of 12.2 as it would help people access the Enterprise Area overall.
  
4. However, we would query how 13.3 is to balance with other policies i.e. there are a series of measures in the plan aimed at creating access to elsewhere (in particular Avonmouth) but, this seems to be inward focused. This is also within a skills section of the Plan overall but, it is focused upon local labour agreements without actually supporting skills development/training per se. It may be that the skills development element will come from the Community Hub proposal in time though (section 16.2). We recommend that reference to how these policies connect with areas outside the Neighbourhood Area might be positively affected. For example, improvements to sustainable transport improving access to jobs within **and outside the plan area**.

5. Finally, we would like to highlight that the A Forgotten Landscape Heritage Lottery Fund project can play a role in the plan's aims to improve community engagement with public open space. Specifically the team could help through 1. their volunteer water vole monitoring project which will be working in part in this area; 2. Plans to put interpretation in Lawrence Weston Moor; 3. Plans to signpost a walk around/through Lawrence Weston Moor; and 4. Plans to promote walking and cycling in the project area which includes Lawrence Weston. It is recommended that consideration be given to include reference to this project in the Plan and how it might help.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at

Yours sincerely,

Jane Wormald  
Planning Officer

Strategic Planning Policy  
South Gloucestershire Council

---

---

---

**From:**  
**Sent:** 17 June 2016 11:57  
**To:** Bristol Local Plan  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Lawrence Weston NDP consultation

Please accept our apologies we would like to revise point 5 to read:

5. Finally, we would like to highlight that the A Forgotten Landscape, Landscape Partnership Scheme funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and South Gloucestershire Council, can play a role in the plan's aims to improve community engagement with public open space. More about the project can be found on their website at [http://www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk](#). Specifically the team could help through 1. their volunteer water vole monitoring project which will be working in part in this area; 2. Plans to put interpretation in Lawrence Weston Moor; 3. Plans to signpost a walk around/through Lawrence Weston Moor; and 4. Plans to promote walking and cycling in the project area which includes Lawrence Weston. It is recommended that consideration be given to include reference to this project in the Plan, which is currently in progress and will run until Autumn 2018, and how it might help.

In addition, SGC would like to be notified of the final decision on the Neighbourhood Development Plan, please email [janewormald@sgc.gov.uk](mailto:janewormald@sgc.gov.uk)

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Wormald  
Planning Officer

Strategic Planning Policy  
South Gloucestershire Council