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Representation for Proposal 8.13 - COV.1, South of Coventry

Burton Green Parish Council offers **qualified support** to COV.1 on the basis that this is accompanied by clear plans to develop a Biodiversity Enhancement Area and Woodland Country Park i.e. COV.BIO. The Parish Council would not support COV.1 without the accompanying Woodland Country Park proposal.

The Parish Council considers that COV.BIO is an important and positive component of COV.1 but believes that greater clarity is required about its intended outcome, delivery and long-term management.

The area provides a particular opportunity to reconnect the existing ancient woodlands at Crackley Wood, Roughknowles Wood, Broadwells Wood and Black Waste Wood through targeted woodland and habitat creation.

This can be integrated with HS2 landscape planting, existing hedgerows and habitats and the adjoining University of Warwick Eco Park proposal to create a landscape-scale Nature Recovery Corridor.

The land required for the principal connections lies adjacent to, rather than replacing, the COV.1 housing allocation. The proposal should therefore be regarded as complementary strategic green infrastructure associated with COV.1.

Proposed modification

The Parish Council requests that the COV.1 Biodiversity and Green & Blue Infrastructure requirements include wording along the following lines:

“The Biodiversity Enhancement Area and Woodland Country Park (COV.BIO) will deliver a landscape-scale Nature Recovery Corridor, including targeted creation of new woodland and associated habitats to improve ecological connectivity between the existing ancient woodlands at Crackley Wood, Roughknowles Wood, Broadwells Wood and Black Waste Wood.

Woodland and habitat creation should integrate with existing ecological networks, HS2 landscape and woodland planting and adjoining strategic green infrastructure, including the proposed University of Warwick Eco Park.

The detailed form of woodland and habitat creation will be informed by appropriate ecological evidence and the Warwickshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy, with the objective of creating a coherent and substantially connected woodland and habitat network whilst protecting and enhancing the integrity of the existing ancient woodlands.

Delivery of the Woodland Country Park and Nature Recovery Corridor will be planned and phased alongside development at COV.1. Development at COV.1 will



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make a proportionate contribution towards its establishment and long-term management, alongside other appropriate funding mechanisms.

Long-term stewardship and management arrangements will be secured, together with appropriate opportunities for public access, walking and cycling where compatible with the primary biodiversity and nature recovery objectives of the area.”

This clarification would make an existing proposal within COV.1 more specific, effective and deliverable and would strengthen the overall soundness of the allocation.

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