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biodiversity can be conserved and enhanced. Where appropriate, the document will be a material consideration in the assessment of planning applications.

25.NC Development which will adversely affect a habitat or feature of importance for wild fauna and flora will not be permitted, unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Council that:

i. the benefits of the development outweigh the adverse impacts;

ii. the adverse impacts are unavoidable, and

iii. appropriate measures are taken which would mitigate or compensate for any adverse impact.

2.15 Opportunities to provide appropriate connections between sites/areas covered by the other policies in this chapter will be encouraged and particular attention will be given to opportunities for the enhancement of river channels where they are associated with or linked to development sites.

26.NC Development proposals will be required to include measures to enhance the value of features and habitats of nature conservation importance where reasonable opportunities exist in connection with the development.

Local Nature Reserves

2.16 The Borough Council and the County Council own and manage a number of sites throughout the Borough for nature conservation purposes and to provide quality environments for local people. English Nature encourages local authorities to formally designate appropriate sites as 'Local Nature Reserves' thereby demonstrating a commitment to manage the land for biodiversity, to protect it from inappropriate development and to provide opportunities for local people to study and enjoy it.

27.NC Development that would prevent the designation of Local Nature Reserves at the following locations will be refused:

i. Flexford & Ramalley Copse
ii. Hamble Common
iii. Itchen Valley Country Park
iv. Moorgreen Meadows
v. Netley Common
vi. Upper Hamble Country Park
vii. Westwood Woodland Park
viii. Wyvern Meadow