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# Appendix H – Consultations

## Extracted From Hallam Fields Environmental Statement: Appendices

M1 As part of the outline planning application for the Hallam Fields housing development, consultations with various parties were undertaken. Whilst there is no formal requirement for the developer to consult, the technical nature of some of the areas they covered, meant that they undertook this as a matter of good practice.

The organisations consulted included:

- Catalytic Data Limited
- Charwood Borough Council
- Department of the Environment, Transport & the Regions
- English Nature
- Environment Agency
- Highways Agency
- Holly Hayes Environment Resources Centre
- Leicester City Council
- Leicestershire County Council
- Leicester Badger Group
- Leicestershire & Rutland Ornithological Society
- Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust
- RSA Geotechnics

Where letters are available these are included.



**ENVIRONMENT  
AGENCY**

**Our ref:** CS8844M/DF  
**Your ref:** JK/SAH/R4138B

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2000

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Dear Jolanda Keeble

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – Hallam Fields Birstall. NGR: SK 590 105.**

I refer to your letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2000 requesting information relating to the above, and acknowledge your payment of £58.75 (including VAT) received by this office on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2000, in respect of our fee. A VAT receipt can be forwarded upon request.

Our Scientific Support Section has undertaken a search of its records and states that there are **no** landfill sites known to the Environment Agency within 250-metre radius of the NGR: SK 590 105.

It should be noted that the Environment Agency only has information on those sites which were licensed under the Control of Pollution Act 1974 and the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Detailed information of any other sites which were closed prior to the implementation of the Control of Pollution Act 1974, or were exempt from the need to be licensed under COPA 1974 or EPA 1990, will be limited or absent from the Environment Agency's records.

There are no known Licensed Waste Management Facilities within this area.

The Environment Agency has no known records of contamination associated with the above location.

Our Conservation Section holds no known ecological data for this area.

The Environment Agency is not aware of any known risk of flooding at the above location. It is therefore recommended that Charnwood Borough Council is contacted to seek their comments regarding this aspect of the enquiry.

Please find enclosed details of one known licensed abstraction within 1 km of NGR: SK 590 105.

The site is situated on Major Aquifer with High Groundwater Vulnerability.

The site is not situated within any Source Protection Zone.

**The Environment Agency**  
Trentside Offices, Scarrington Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5FA  
Tel: 0115 945 5722 Fax 0115 981 7743

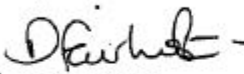


It must be understood that the information provided above is based on records and files from various sources and of varying reliability. Consequently, the Environment Agency is not able to offer any warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of the information provided nor can it accept any liability whatsoever for any loss or damage arising from the interpretation and/or use of the information.

A site investigation has not been carried out in relation to your request for information. Only detailed investigations will reveal if the site is being affected by any previous landfilling.

This information is provided subject to the enclosed notice which you should read.

Yours sincerely



**Keith Tivey**  
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Our ref: B 5.10

22 May 2000

Dear Ms Keeble

### Initial ecological appraisal - Birstall

Thank you for contacting English Nature, however, please note that we do not regard your enquiry as a formal consultation.

In order to help companies like yourselves, English Nature has produced recently a new series of maps, which relate to the British National Grid, depicting Sites of Special Scientific Interest, National Nature Reserves, Natural Areas, National Parks and English Nature's Local Team areas. These maps can be purchased from:

- Telelink  
P O Box 100  
Fareham  
Hampshire  
PO14 2SX  
Tel: 01329 331300 / Fax: 01329 330034  
E-mail: reception@telelink.co.uk

With regard to your current enquiry, there are no Sites of Special Scientific Interest within 2 km of the proposed development site. For details of any sites of local interest (Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation) and Local Nature Reserves which may be affected, you should contact Leicestershire County Council Arts, Museum and Records Centre (address given below). In addition, you should be aware that protected species (eg bats, badgers, water voles, great crested newts, Schedule 8 plants etc.) may be harmed by any development/renovation work and which could have repercussions for your client if they are not taken into consideration at this early stage. For this reason, it would be prudent for your client to undertake a survey for protected species as it will be your client's responsibility to ensure that none are harmed by this proposal.

Yours sincerely

  
DAWN ISAAC  
Conservation Officer  
Land Use Planning

\* Leicestershire Arts, Museum and Records Service, Holly Hayes, 216 Birstal Road, LEICESTER LE4 4DG



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## LEICESTER WEST PARK AND RIDE SCHEME

### Extracted From Report to Cabinet - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2003

M2 At this stage, a programme of more general consultation has been carried out prior to submission. In addition consideration by the Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Scrutiny Committee the following was carried out:

- Consultation with local members, parish and district councils
- Staffed public exhibitions near the sites and in the city centre
- Postal surveys of residents close to the sites and in the catchment areas for the park and ride services
- On-street surveys in the city centre
- Features and a questionnaire in the Leicester Mercury

#### What was done - The consultation carried out and response rates are set out below.

- ◆ Consultation letters to 20 parish and 4 district councils affected by the scheme, as well as 15 local Members.
- ◆ Public exhibitions in:
  - Aylestone, 3 sessions, 262 people attended
  - Birstall, 2 sessions, 38 attended
  - Glenfield, 2 sessions, 83 attended
  - City centre, 3 sessions, approximately 1,000 attended
- ◆ Household questionnaires distributed to all within 500 metres of proposed sites and fronting proposed bus corridors:

Site or corridor	Questionnaires distributed	Questionnaires returned	% return
Aylestone site	1412	203	14
Birstall site	97	9	9
Glenfield site	467	109	23
Aylestone corridor	582	36	6
Birstall corridor	401	46	12
Glenfield corridor	320	29	9

- ◆ Postal questionnaire to those living in catchment areas for the three sites:
  - Glenfield catchment - 700 distributed, 137 (20%) returned
  - Birstall catchment - 700 distributed, 125 (18%) returned
  - Aylestone catchment - 700 distributed, 75 (11%) returned
- ◆ On-street survey in city centre in which 506 people were interviewed: structured sample of car users/non-car users, city/county residents
- ◆ Consultation of statutory bodies (English Nature etc - most responses neutral although two call for environmental safeguards)
- ◆ Questionnaire published by the Leicester Mercury (16 responses)
- ◆ Consideration by Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 28th November 2002.
- ◆ The consultation also produced a small number of letters from members of the public, with comments generally similar to those recorded below.

### Survey consultation - main results

- The main responses to key questions are set out below. Most questions invited responses in a range of 5 from 'strongly agree' through 'agree' and neutral to 'disagree' and 'strongly disagree'. Postal survey of those living near sites and corridors (includes written responses from those attending exhibitions, many of whom had received the postal questionnaire).
- 35% of those living by the Glenfield site agreed or strongly agreed that it was appropriate for Park and Ride. The figure for Birstall was 44% and for Aylestone 26%. The corresponding figures of those who disagreed or strongly disagreed that sites are appropriate for Park and Ride were 60% for Glenfield, 56% for Birstall and 72% for Aylestone.
- Taking sites and corridors together, 47% in the Glenfield area agreed or strongly agreed that the scheme overall is the right scheme for Central Leicestershire. Figures for Birstall and Aylestone were 57% and 33% respectively.
- 6. In the Catchment areas survey 80% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that park and ride will work well in Central Leicestershire and 79% agreed or strongly agreed that the scheme proposed is the right one for the area.
- In the on-street survey, 72% of those interviewed agreed or strongly agreed that park and ride should be a high priority transport solution. 75% agreed or strongly agreed that park and ride will work well here.

### Comments of Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Scrutiny Committee

The Committee considered the matter at its meeting on 28th November 2002 and resolved:

- (a) That the resolutions of the Cabinet made at its meeting on 5th November 2002 - concerning arrangements for a consultation exercise on the proposed Scheme, submission of a funding bid to the Department for Transport, and improvement works in the Junction 21 area - be supported;
- (b) That the Cabinet be advised that the Scrutiny Committee considered that there should be high-quality landscaping schemes at each site;
- (c) That the results of the consultation exercise on the proposed Scheme be reported to the Scrutiny Committee.

### Comments of parishes and districts

Council	Comments
Birstall Parish	No benefit to local residents; fares should be 'attractive'; little benefit in footpath link to Wanlip; concern about expansion to 1000 spaces and need to protect adjacent school; existing bus service should not be eroded
Blaby District	Object to the Glenfield site because it is contrary to County policy and there is a suitable alternative to the north of the A46/A50 roundabout. Support the Aylestone site but concerned about its effect on traffic levels on A426 in Glen Parva and on Soar Valley Way. Blaby Parish Supports Aylestone site in principle
Braunstone town	Support all 3 sites; need detailed traffic impact assessment for Jct 21 area; support complimentary works in Jct 21 area but they should go ahead urgently, independently of park and ride

Council	Comments
Charnwood	Support park and ride, although need to maintain local bus services also; support

Borough	1000 space Birstall site subject to environmental safeguards; this site should be first priority in any bid; any increase above 1000 would be for the local plan review beyond 2006. Support Glenfield site subject to environmental safeguards; oppose site north and east of A46/A50 for Glenfield
Countesthorpe Parish	Prefer a site where Blaby railway station used to be
Enderby parish	Support Aylestone site
Glen Parva Parish	City Council should dedicate land south of Soar Valley Way to compensate for loss of open space
Groby Parish	Strongly opposed to development in green wedge; park and ride will worsen traffic delays on A50
Melton Borough	Support proposals, particularly for Birstall. Request consideration for park and ride east of city and by rail
Oadby & Wigston Borough	No comments
Syston Town	Support the principle but do not believe Syston will benefit because of deficiencies of local road system
Wanlip Parish Meeting	Concerns about expansion of Birstall to 1000 spaces; call for environmental and security safeguards; Wanlip needs a better bus service first