

Appendix C:

Summary of Singlers Marsh and Danesbury Landscape Management Plans responses to the Public Consultation

A total of 32 responses were received to the online survey for both Singlers Marsh and Danesbury Landscape Management Plans. An overview of the responses to the questions are noted below:

Question 1: Do you use or visit the open space /nature reserve often?

90.63% said yes.

9.38% said no.

Question 2; Do you agree with the Vision for the site?

84.38% said yes.

15.63% said no.

Question 3: Do you agree with aims and objectives within the plan?

84.38% said yes.

15.63% said no.

Question 4: Do you agree with the proposals within the action plan?

84.38% said yes.

15.63% said no.

Question 5: What position are you in when responding to this survey?

81.82% were local residents.

15.15% said Other.

3.03% said they use local services.

A number of comments were submitted via the survey and via officers directly, these have been summarised below. (Details of all the comments submitted via the survey can be found in Appendix D).

- Not enough emphasis on the historic trees at Danesbury
- Concerns about the benefits of cattle grazing.
- Some comments on roads being wrongly named on plans.
- Some detailed comments on what species are found on the sites.
- Further tree planting was mentioned on a few comments.

- Some questions over the historic facts in the plan for Singlers Marsh.
- Some queries over ownership with properties that back onto the river Mimram
- The Friends of the River Miriam has not been disbanded as stated in the report.
- Requests for additional maintenance of grassland and boundary vegetation.
- Requests for additional tree planting.
- The Friends of Danesbury Fernery have sent detailed comments about the history and maintenance of the site. This includes some corrections about road names and existing works by the volunteers.

Conclusions and amendments

The general feedback about the vision and action plans for both sites was positive and these will remain the same within the Landscape Management Plans.

The cattle grazing is considered an integral part of the management of biodiversity on these sites and is encouraged by Natural England. The grazing attracts grant funding which helps sustain this type of management.

Further tree planting may be considered in the future if appropriate for habitats identified on these sites. Both sites have specific habitats much of it relating to grassland and scrub. Tree planting is not necessarily the appropriate management for these habitats and the ecosystems they support.

Request for additional maintenance and tasks have been noted however, the tasks in the reports are considered sufficient to meet the agreed aims and objectives. The plans will be reviewed regularly and if additional works or tasks are required these may be undertaken in addition to the existing tasks if appropriate.

The factual information has been corrected to ensure the Landscape Management Plans show the correct historical information, roads and boundaries on the plans.