

Cardiff Civic Society provides the following list of Candidate Sites, which it is proposing for biodiversity/ green infrastructure and community facilities. Please note that these are in addition to those CSs proposed by us in the previous round of calls of CSs

We further provide a comment on two CSs proposed by others in this latest round of calls for CSs

Red House Meadows at the ISV: A site which qualifies as a post-industrial SINC site, in accordance with the criteria adopted by the South Wales local planning authorities, due to the presence of numerous plant species of acknowledged nature conservation concern. We acknowledge that this site is part of a wider strategic regeneration policy, and we therefore advocate that it is retained and integrated into this wider strategic plan

The Fram (invaluable for community health and wellbeing)

The Marl, Grangetown - public open space

Brittania Park, Butetown - vital public open space and tree canopy in an area that is below UK average on both counts.

Hamadryad Park, Butetown -- vital public open space and tree canopy in an area that is below UK average on both counts.

Nant Fawr Woods and meadows - vital for biodiversity and human health and wellbeing

Danescourt Woods and meadows -- vital for biodiversity and human health and wellbeing

Ely Recreation ground. (invaluable for community health and wellbeing)

Gabalfa Woods - vital community resource and wildlife corridor. Essential also for improving air quality.

Moorland Park, Splott - vital public open space and tree canopy in an area that is below UK average on both counts.

Maindy Park and Velodrome

Flaxland Woods - vital community resource and wildlife corridor

The Hawthorns, Pentwyn

Penhill Copse - essential for biodiversity and air quality

Goetre Fawr - vital for biodiversity and human health and wellbeing

Willows High School - Tremorfa (our understanding is that this site, originally gifted to the city for community use, is to be a community forest once Willows School moves to Lewis Road. Given the low proportion of green space and low percentage of tree canopy in the Splott ward, this should be a priority and will have benefits for air quality and wellbeing).

We object to the local planning authorities pursuing the following candidate sites to the next stage of the LDP process :-

Land at Wentloog - CS 83

Kand South of St Mellons Business Park - Hendre Lakes

Both of these sites are located on the Wentloog Levels SSSI, and to allocate them or pursue them as candidate sites would be fundamentally at odds with Planning Policy Wales 11, emerging Planning Policy Wales 12, Section 28g of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. (as amended) and indeed the RLDP itself.

Both Goetre Fawr (61) and Plasdwr Uchaf (23) are located in close proximity to SSSIs, and we would the policy wording accompanying any future allocations to be such that the sites cannot be pursued unless there can be a guarantee of no adverse impacts on these SSSIs, were these sites to be pursued to applications

A development plan which pursues sites via the CS process which would not be in conformity with its own policies would be fundamentally unsound, and would not pass the tests of soundness. at Examination.