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Hi Mark,

Below is a summary of the points I suggested at the meeting on Wednesday for information. I have also added a couple of additional comments on the draft policies at the end you may also wish to consider.

Policy GA8: Protection of the Natural Environment



• For proposals adjacent to rivers and other water bodies consider putting in a minimum distance of 5m where appropriate in order to protect biodiversity and water quality.



Many Thanks,

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Hi all

Further to my earlier email, and in advance of our next meeting on Wednesday 25th October, please find attached the following documents:

- Meeting Agenda
- Preliminary draft policy on Open Space, Sport & Recreation
- Preliminary draft policy on Natural Heritage & Trees
- Preliminary draft policy on Landscape & Coast
- Summary of SPPS and PPS context for Open Space, etc
- Summary of SPPS and PPS context for Natural Heritage, etc
- Copy of SPPS for reference

Please note that the attached *preliminary policy documents* are for discussion purposes only and comments/suggestions will be the focus of our next meeting.

I have included some additional summary information showing the relevant SPPS provisions and current planning policy statements – the new draft policies must comply with the SPPS and we are generally maintaining the policy approaches in the PPSs. A copy of the SPPS is also attached for ease of reference.

Where the SPPS sets out clear policy on a matter (eg: designated nature conservation sites, coastal development), the Belfast LDP will not normally repeat the SPPS provisions, save to reference the SPPS and provide any relevant additional policy requirements.

In accordance with the Working Group Terms of Reference, the *preliminary policies* should be treated as confidential at this time.

I look forward to seeing you again next Wednesday.

Thanks & Kind Regards

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