

**CABINET MEMBER FOR TOWN CENTRES, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND  
PROSPERITY**

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate  
Street, ROTHERHAM.  
S60 2TH**

**Date: Monday, 23rd April, 2012**

**Time: 10.30 a.m.**

**A G E N D A**

1. To determine if the following matters are likely to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) to the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings:-
  - Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity held 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.
  - Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity held 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.
  - Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity held 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.

For signature by the Cabinet Member.

(See White Book – Minutes presented to Council on 18th April, 2012)

4. Petition Requesting Resurfacing of Grassed Verges on Pagenall Drive, Swallownest (report herewith) (Pages 1 - 6)
  - Stephen D Finley, Principal Engineer, to report.
5. Rotherham Local Site System - Annual Series Update (report herewith) (Pages 7 - 13)
  - Carolyn Barber, Ecology Development Officer, to report.
6. Exclusion of the Press and Public.

The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relating to the legal proceedings).

7. Encroachment at Sanctuary Fields, North Anston (report herewith) (Pages 14 - 18)

- Phil Gill, Leisure and Green Spaces Manager, to report.

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>23 April 2012</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>PETITION REQUESTING RESURFACING OF GRASSED VERGES ON PAGENALL DRIVE, SWALLOWNEST</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>

**5. Summary**

A petition, from the residents on Pagenall Drive, has been received requesting that the grassed verge areas be replaced with asphalt.

**6. Recommendations**

**That the lead petitioner be informed that the replacement of the grassed verges areas with asphalt is not undertaken.**

### **7. Proposals and Details**

A petition signed by 24 residents of Pagenall Drive was received by Environment and Development Services on 19 March 2012 (copy attached).

Pagenall Drive is a residential unclassified link estate road approximately 310m in length. There are four grassed areas (outside 1-7, 9-15, 17-47 and 2-8) with a combined length of around 305m (location plan attached).

In response to the petition Pagenall Drive was visited on 22 March 2012 to reassess its condition of the verges and the rest of the highway. In general the verges were in good condition. There was some localised damage to the verges which would require repair. There was also work being undertaken by an electric supply company sub contractor, which was effecting the grassed verges and footways.

The surrounding highway looked in a good condition and relatively tidy.

An estimate has been calculated to replace the grass with asphalt of £50,000. This estimate does not include for any Statutory Undertakers equipment being moved due to the change in surface.

The Highway Inspector has been asked to ensure that the electrical supply sub contract reinstates the verges and that any repairs, not due to there works, are carried out.

The verges do add to the general look of the road and meet the requirements of the recommendations contained in the Floods and Water Management Act 2010, which refers to the problems caused by hard paving to grassed areas.

### **8. Finance**

The removal of the grass verges works could only be funded by the annual Revenue Highway Maintenance allocation, but this would create a pressure on the maintenance of highway network and delay the planned maintenance programme of roads in urgent need of repair.

### **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Funding available is insufficient to undertake resurfacing of these verges and would detract from the need of the rest of the highway maintenance programme.

### **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The draft Corporate Plan indicates a commitment to make sure roads and footpaths meet at least national average standards with an outcome for safe and well maintained roads, any reduction in the spend on maintenance makes this commitment more difficult to achieve.

**11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Copy of petition and location plan attached.

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mrs m Sargeant  
39 Pagenall Drive  
Swallownest

mrs F Batham  
41 Pagenall DR  
Swallownest

Dear Mr Bates

I am writing to you on behalf of  
the residents on Pagenall Drive.  
Please find enclosed a petition  
signed by everyone regarding the  
grass verges.

We would like to know if there  
is any chance that we could  
have them tarmaced.



We have had a lot of workmen  
working the last few months  
and the street looks a mess.  
It would make the street look  
better and much tidier

Thank you  
M. J. a Batham



NAME + ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

K. MARSH / MC FLETCHER  
43 PAGENALL DR.

P. SPENCER / S. STEWART  
37 PAGENALL DRIVE

Sandra Worthington

Sandra Worthington

ANDREW NAYLOR  
33 PAGENALL DRIVE



JANE BARNES

J. Barnes

31 PAGENALL DRIVE

27 PAGENALL DRIVE



25 pagenall drive

A Osborne

23 PAGENALL DRIVE

S. Allon

21 Pagenall Drive

A. Doughty

19 Pagenall Drive

N. Booth

15 Pagenall Drive

D. Beed

Dean Rayner

D. Rayner

5 PAGENALL DRIVE

B. Pugh

2 Pagenall Drive

B. Slinders

3 PAGENALL DRIVE

A. Naylor

6 PAGENALL DRIVE

P. Serrao

6 PAGENALL DRIVE

A. W. Sain

39 Pagenall Drive

T. Simmonds

41 Pagenall DRIVE

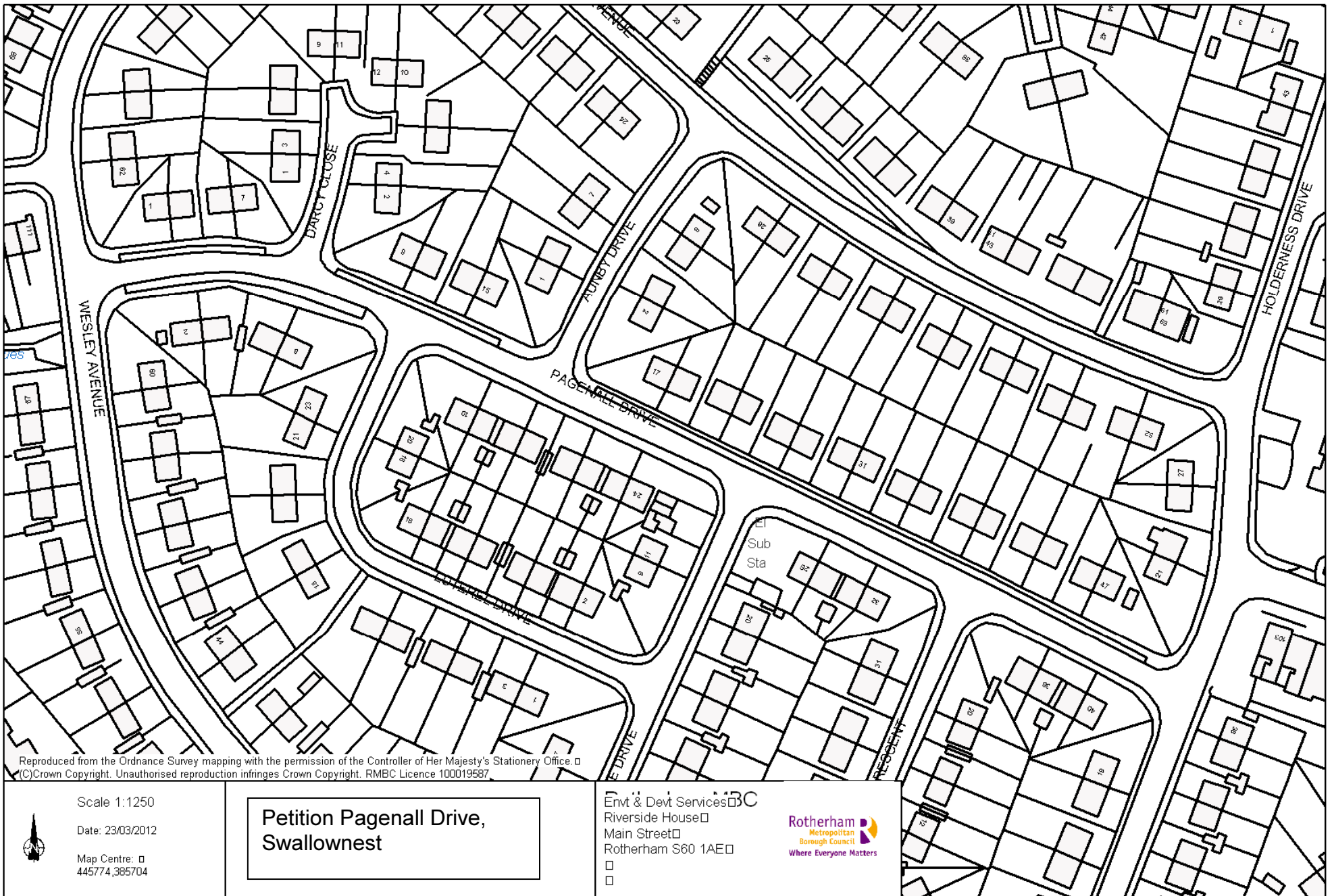
M. Scott

45 Pagenall drive

J. A. Barber

P. A. Barber

M. Little



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**Petition Pagenall Drive,  
Swallownest**

Env't & Dev't Services   
 Riverside House □  
 Main Street □  
 Rotherham S60 1AE □  
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<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>23 April 2012</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Rotherham Local Site System – Annual Series update</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

### **5. Summary**

This report seeks approval of an update of the list of Local Wildlife Sites in Rotherham. The information forms part of the evidence base for the Local Development Framework and is used in the determination of relevant planning applications.

### **6. Recommendations**

- That the Rotherham Local Wildlife Site 2011 boundaries (as shown in Appendix 1 of this report) be accepted;

## Proposal and Details

Rotherham's Local Wildlife Site series identifies sites of substantive nature conservation value in accordance with Defra best practice. RMBC Cabinet approved the adoption of the Rotherham Local Wildlife Site system and the initial series of site boundaries in 2008 (17 December 2008, minute 139).

Sites of wildlife interest can change over time due to management practices and natural processes; the Rotherham Local Wildlife Site system accommodates this by enabling new sites to be added and for site boundaries to be changed or removed as and when new areas of interest are identified or if sites no longer meet the standards set by the system. The process for this involves the Local Wildlife Site Panel assessing and agreeing site based data and for the results of this analysis to then be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity for approval (submissions previously made to Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Environment). The 2010 series of Local Wildlife Site boundaries was accepted by Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Environment 24.01.2011 under minute G96.

During 2011 ten sites were proposed as either new candidate Local Wildlife Sites or as extensions to existing Local Wildlife Sites; site base data was collected where possible and the existing data held by the Rotherham Biological Records Centre was extracted. The combined data for each site was then assessed against the Rotherham Local Wildlife Site selection criteria. Of the ten sites two sites demonstrated that they were of substantive nature conservation value by meeting at least one of the selection criteria and it is now proposed that these are added to the existing Local Wildlife Site series. The sites proposed for addition are listed below and Appendix 1 of this report shows the full series with the proposed additional sites highlighted.

- **candidate LWS122 – Treeton Colliery (ex spoil tip) [includes Well Lane Lagoons and Treeton Meadows], Treeton:** qualifies under selection criteria R11c: Flowing water vascular plants, G2: Plant species for semi-natural neutral grassland, G2: Plant species for semi-natural calcareous grassland and G3: Plant species for semi-natural acid grassland
- **candidate LWS123 – Larch Plantation, Maltby:** qualifies under selection criteria W3: Vascular Indicator Plants of Neutral to Calcareous Woodland

RMBC Asset Management has been consulted and has confirmed that there is no objection to the proposed additional sites. Larch Plantation is in RMBC ownership and is included in the current development proposal for Maltby Lilly Hall School, which was granted conditionally on 28 February 2012; minor tree removal is needed to create a safe pedestrian access to the school. RMBC's ecologist has been involved in the development of the school proposals and there is not considered to be any impact on the Local Wildlife Site status as a result of the development.

## 8. Finance

The cost of the Local Wildlife Site update work has been met by the EDS Forward Planning budget.

## 9. Risks and Uncertainties

The operation of a Local Site System enables RMBC to demonstrate compliance with current legislation and planning policy including the need to have a robust evidence base. Designation is based on scientific reasoning and, in accordance with national best practice (Defra, Local Sites: Guidance on their Identification, Selection and Management, 2006), the system includes all sites that qualify.

The Local Wildlife Site System, as approved, includes a responsibility for any additions and amendments to the site list to be reported annually to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Environment (responsibility is now with Cabinet Member for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity). The approval for the amendments proposed for 2011 is sought now to enable the updated series of sites to be reflected in the preparation of the Local Development Framework and in the determination of relevant planning applications.

## 10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Planning Policy Statement 12 (ODPM, 2008) states that areas of protection, such as nationally protected landscape and internationally, nationally and locally designated areas and sites, should be included on adopted proposals maps.

Planning Policy Statement 9 (ODPM 2005) states that 'sites of regional and local biodiversity and geological interest, which include Regionally Important Geological Sites, Local Nature Reserves and Local Sites, have a fundamental role to play in meeting overall national biodiversity targets; contributing to the quality of life and the wellbeing of the community; and in supporting research and education. Criteria-based policies should be established in local development documents against which proposals for any development on, or affecting, such sites will be judged.'

Planning for Biodiversity and Geological conservation – A guide to Good Practice (ODPM 2005) states that local development frameworks should indicate the location of designated sites of importance for biodiversity and geodiversity, making clear distinctions between the hierarchy of international, national, regional and locally designated sites'.

The maintenance of a Local Site system and positive site management are essential elements of Single Data List Indicator 160-01 – 'Positive management of local sites'.

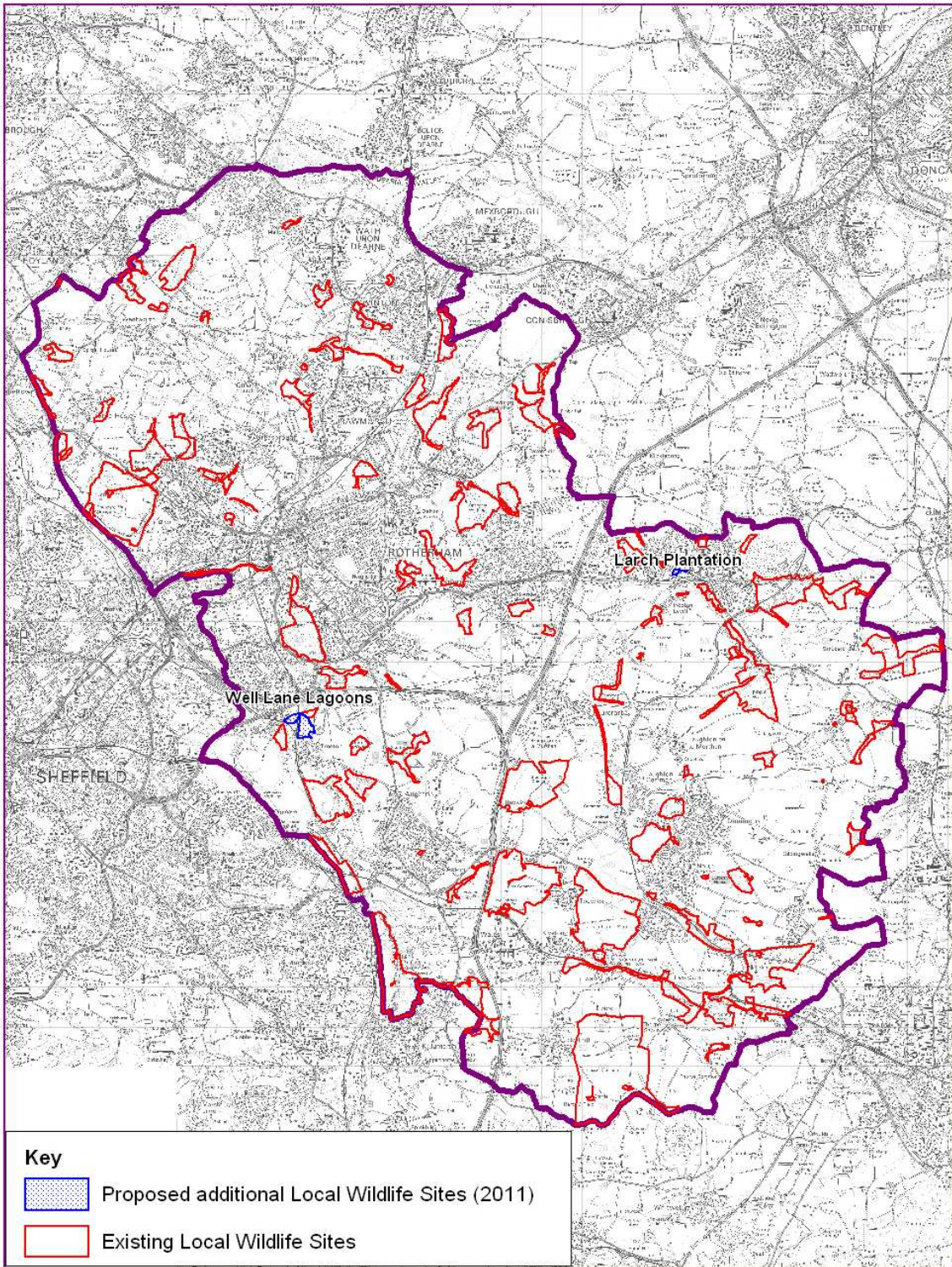
## 11. Background Papers and Consultation

- Baker Shepherd Gillespie - Ecological Consultants (April 2007)  
Rotherham Local Wildlife Site System:
  - Part 1: The Framework for Rotherham's Local Wildlife Site System,
  - Part 2: Site Selection Guidelines for Rotherham.
- Defra Local Sites – Guidance on their Identification, Selection and Management (February 2006)
- Former Cabinet Member for Economic and Regeneration and Development Services (5.4.2006) RMBC <http://moderngov.rotherham.gov.uk>

- Former Cabinet Member for Economic and Regeneration and Development Services (24.11.2008) RMBC <http://moderngov.rotherham.gov.uk>
- ODPM Planning Policy Statement 9 – Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (2005)
- ODPM Planning for Biodiversity and Geological Conservation – A guide to Good Practice (ODPM 2005)
- ODPM Planning Policy Statement 12 – Local Development Frameworks (2008)
- RMBC Cabinet (17.12.08) <http://moderngov.rotherham.gov.uk>
- The Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006
- RMBC Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Environment (24.01.2011) <http://moderngov.rotherham.gov.uk>

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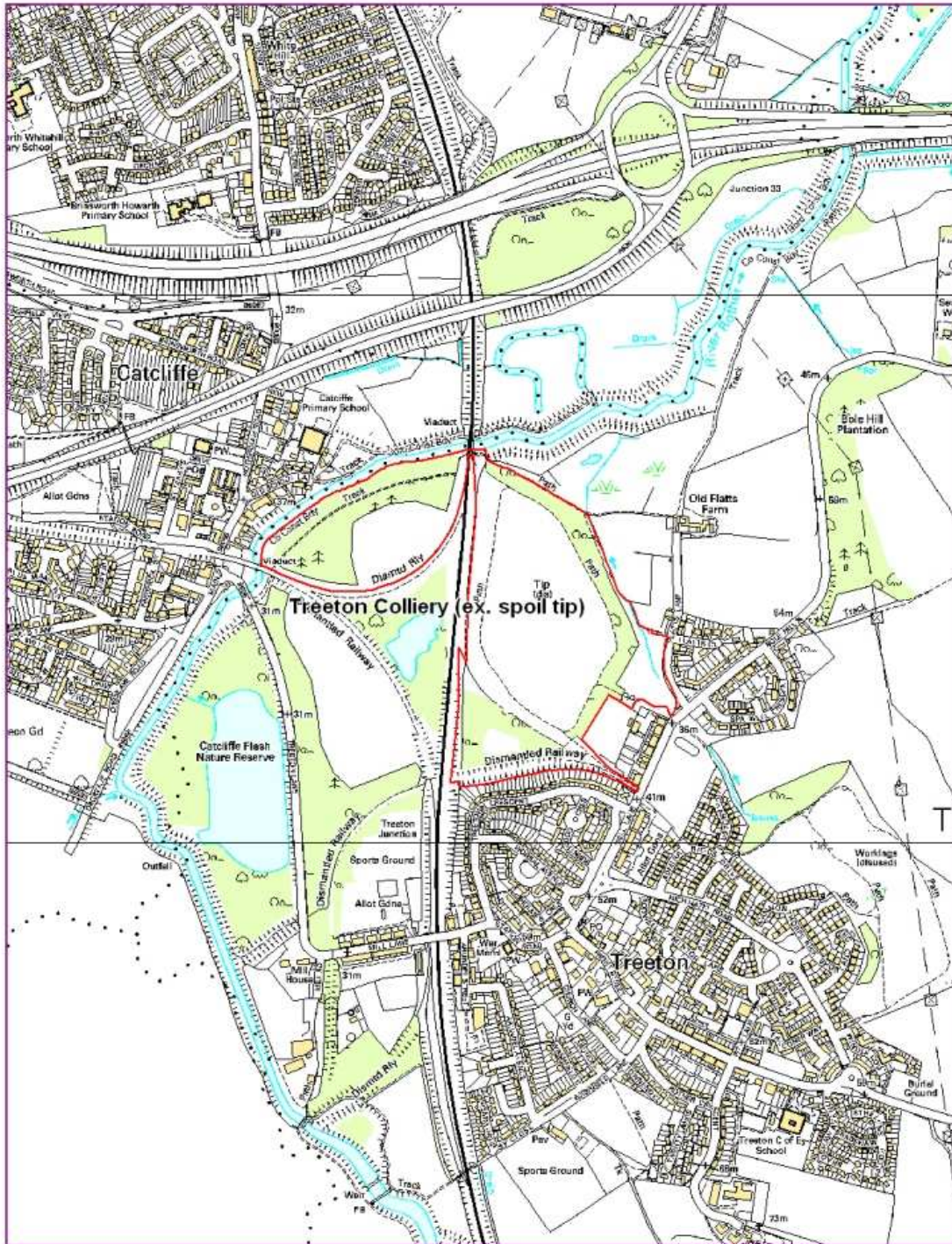
Appendix One



**Rotherham Local Wildlife Sites: 2011 Proposed Additions**

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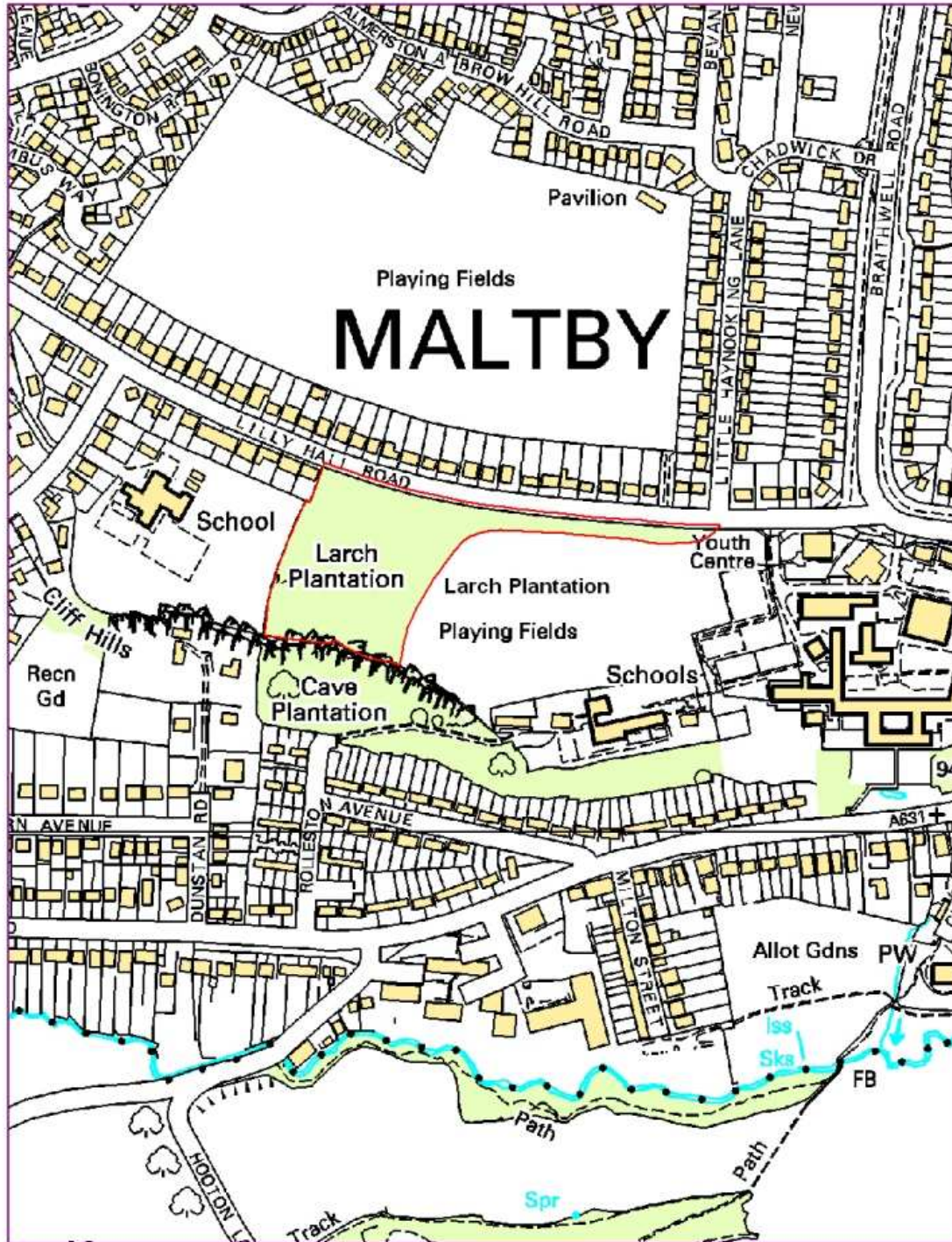




**LWS122 - Treeton Colliery (ex spoil tip)  
[includes Well Lane Lagoons and Treeton Meadows], Treeton**

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LWS123 – Larch Plantation, Maltby

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