

## Part B - Commenting on the Preferred Options

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Which document are you responding to?

e.g. Preferred Options (Booklet) Preferred Options (Full Version)

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Which part of the document are you responding to?

Preferred Option Box (e.g. PO1)

Policy PO15

Paragraph number / Heading / Subheading (if relevant)

Green Infrastructure

Map (e.g. Preferred Development Sites – Whole District)

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What is the nature of your representation?

Support

Object

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## **Summary**

We support the thrust of the Green Infrastructure policy, which will maintain and enhance existing green infrastructure assets and seek to provide additional assets where there is currently a shortage. However we do not support the stated intention to delete the existing Areas of Restraint and replace them with Green Wedges. Neither is necessary. Moreover Map 6 indicates that the area between Lillington and Cubbington is an 'area of search for Green Network and Wedges'. This is inappropriate and should be deleted.

## **Discussion**

The NPPF puts a significant focus on retaining and enhancing existing green spaces, and providing a high quality network of green spaces which can be enjoyed by all. Moreover there is a requirement that the natural kingdom be protected from harm. Policy PO15 should successfully achieve this.

The last part of the policy refers to Green Wedges. It, coupled with the text in paragraph 15.19, states that the Areas of Restraint in the current Local Plan will be deleted and a network of Green Wedges will be created. We support the intention to delete the Areas of Restraint, but do not consider it necessary for a new policy to be created which will effectively serve the same purpose. Instead there should be a criteria based policy against which all planning applications can be determined. This would accord with the guidance in the NPPF which does not set out a requirement for local landscape designations, but does specify that a criteria based approach should be taken.

Notwithstanding the above objection, if the Council moves forward with the Green Wedge policy the land between Lillington and Cubbington, presently identified as an 'Area of Search for Green Network and Wedges' should be excluded. Elsewhere we make representations that some or all of this land should be allocated for residential development. As part of any such development provision would be made for amenity green space and children's play space to assist in meeting the present shortfall (as shown on Map AN1: Local Sites in the Green Infrastructure Study from 2009) and for enhancements to the public footpath network. This would be of great benefit to the locality, providing enhanced access and simply more space to be enjoyed by all.