

Appendix E: RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A copy of the standard reply form used for the public consultation may be found below. This report is concerned with the respondents' answers to questions 1-4 and question 7. The results of the other questions cannot easily be summarised, but were used at appropriate stages during the production of the plan.

Q1: Which habitats do you think are particularly characteristic of Nottinghamshire?

The top ten most popular answers were:

1. broadleaved woodland
2. lowland heathland
3. rivers and streams
4. hedgerows
5. lowland neutral pasture (of various types)
6. eutrophic standing water (mainly ponds and gravel pits)
7. improved grassland
8. arable fields
9. post-industrial land
10. lowland hay meadow

Q2: If you had to choose 3 habitats to be priorities in the BAP, what would they be?

The top ten most popular answers were:

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| 1. broad-leaved woodland | 6. lowland neutral pasture |
| 2. hedgerows | 7. eutrophic standing waters |
| 3. lowland heathland | 8. post-industrial land |
| 4. rivers and streams | 9. cereal field margins |
| 5. lowland hay meadow | 10. marsh |

Q3: Which plants and animals do you think are characteristic of the County?

The top fifteen most popular answers were:

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| 1. oaks | 9. grey heron |
| 2. bluebell | 10. cowslip |
| 3. badger | 11. brown hare |
| 4. fox | 12. heather |
| 5. birches | 13. deer |
| 6. hedgehog | 14. barn owl |
| 7. skylark | 15. water vole |
| 8. bats | |

Q4: If you had to choose 5 species to be priorities in the BAP, what would they be?

The top fifteen most popular answers were:

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| 1. skylark | 9. adder |
| 2. water vole | 10. snipe |
| 3. barn owl | 11. bats |
| 4. otter | 12. orchids |
| 5. badger | 13. harvest mouse |
| 6. bluebell | 14. nightjar |
| 7. song thrush | 15. oaks |
| 8. lapwing | |

Q7: Has the wildlife of your area changed since you have been there? Which species and habitats have you gained or lost?

The top fifteen species mentioned by respondents as lost or declining were:

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| 1. skylark | 9. common toad |
| 2. song thrush | 10. grey partridge |
| 3. lapwing | 11. kingfisher |
| 4. barn owl | 12. snipe |
| 5. water vole | 13. yellowhammer |
| 6. corn bunting | 14. bullfinch |
| 7. tree sparrow | 15. house martin |
| 8. common frog | |

The top ten habitats mentioned as lost or declining were:

1. hedgerows
2. ponds
3. wetland
4. meadows
5. field margins
6. marsh
7. heathland
8. farmland
9. non-woodland trees
10. orchards

Few people thought that any species had colonised or increased. The following five species received three or more mentions:

1. sparrowhawk
2. grey squirrel
3. grey heron
4. magpie
5. speckled wood butterfly

Only five habitats were mentioned as gained or increasing, these were:

1. gravel pits
2. arable fields
3. garden ponds
4. irrigation lakes
5. trees (planted)

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Reply Form

Thank you for agreeing to take part in this consultation.

This form has been designed for use by interested members of the public, as well as by specialist groups and professionals. If you would like to expand on any of your answers, or make additional comments, please do, but try to be as concise as possible.

*When you have completed the reply form, simply return it in the pre-paid envelope provided. The closing date for the return of forms is **30th September 1997**. Thank you for taking the time to comment. Your replies will be of great value during the preparation and implementation of the Biodiversity Action Plan.*

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ORGANISATION
(if applicable)

If you would like to receive a regular newsletter about the project, please tick here.

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Species And Habitats

Questions 1-4 are designed to find out which species and habitats (see pages 6 & 10) are most popular with people in Nottinghamshire, and which are considered to be typical of the County. This information will be used to encourage more people to get involved in nature conservation, as well as to help set priorities in the Plan. Please use the lists in the booklet for ideas, but you do not have to limit your answers to these species and habitats.

Q1 Which habitats do you think are particularly characteristic of Nottinghamshire?

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Q2 If you had to choose 3 habitats to be priorities in the Biodiversity Action Plan, what would they be?

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Q3 Which plants and animals do you think are characteristic of the County?

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Q4 If you had to choose 5 species to be priorities in the Biodiversity Action Plan, what would they be?

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Q5 Do you have any other comments on the habitat list?

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Q6 Do you have any other comments on the species list?

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Changes in Biodiversity

Q7 Has the wildlife of your area changed since you have been there? Which species and habitats have you gained or lost?

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Implementing The Plan

Q8 Choose one of your priority habitats from Q2. What do you suggest should be done to protect and restore it in Nottinghamshire?

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Q9 Choose one of your priority species from Q4. How do you think this animal or plant should be protected and encouraged in the County?

Q10 Is there anything you do, or could do, to carry out these suggestions? This may be at work, or in the area where you live.

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Q11 Many local communities have their own projects to help conserve biodiversity. What type of community based project would you like to see set up in your local area?

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