

Response from Warwickshire County Council to the Examining Authority's Additional questions/clarifications – Annex C of the Rule 17 Letter

Ref.	Question to:	Question:	Response:
R17.1	Applicant Coventry City Council Warwickshire County Council	<p>Biodiversity Net Gain – Maintenance of mitigation areas</p> <p>The Applicant, Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council: Provide an update which reflects the latest position regarding responsibilities for maintenance of these mitigation areas.</p>	<p>The County Council would expect all mitigation areas which remain under the control of the applicant to be responsible for the management in accordance with the submitted and approved Habitat Management & Monitoring Plan (HMMP) associated to these areas. Additionally, the County Council would expect that any mitigation areas passed onto another landowner will be done so under a legal agreement which would require that landowner to manage the mitigation areas in accordance with the prescribed HMMP for that mitigation area. Ideally, the transferred mitigation areas would be governed through a Conservation Covenant with a Responsible Body and be registered onto the Biodiversity Net Gain Register, managed by Natural England, for auditable transparency. The County Council would expect all HMMPs (or equivalent) to cover a minimum 30 years from the last day the prescribed habitats have been created.</p>