

Tattenhall & District Neighbourhood Plan Review – Local Wildlife Sites & Local Green Spaces

Existing Policies	Proposed changes	Suggestions/notes (IMK)	CM Comments
<p>c. SITES OF NATURE CONSERVATION VALUE</p> <p>There are a number of sites in the Parish that are significant in terms of their wildlife value which warrant protection. The sites listed below are all managed to safeguard and enhance their biodiversity.</p>	No change	<p>c. LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES</p> <p>There are a number of sites in the Parish that are significant in terms of their wildlife value which warrant protection. The sites listed below are designated Local Wildlife Sites, managed to safeguard and enhance their biodiversity.</p>	Are any of these Local Green Spaces? If so, they need further justification.
<p>C1. The Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor</p> <p>Landowners: Riparian ownership includes Bolesworth Estate, Tattenhall and District Parish Council, CWaC, private individuals</p> <p>Managed by: Tattenhall Wildlife Group</p> <p>Funded by: EU Leader Programme</p> <p>Wildlife corridors maintain viable populations that would otherwise suffer as a result of habitat fragmentation and isolation and, as a result, are extremely diverse. The Mill Brook is a significant wildlife corridor which links isolated habitats such as woodland and grassland, allowing species to disperse throughout the area. As a linear habitat, it is also important in the dispersal of seeds and in attracting insects for pollination. As the Mill Brook passes through the village of Tattenhall, much of this corridor is accessible to the local community and a new permissive footpath through Jubilee Wood provides an important link with other footpaths in the locality.</p> <p>Financial support from the Leader Programme has seen the production of two interpretation panels, a circular trail leaflet and the Tattenhall Wildlife Group</p>	No Change	Include in Local Green Space - privately owned – consultation needed.	

website. Practical conservation work supported includes pond and scrape creation, restoration of 200 metres of disused railway line (see below), wildflower planting, tree planting.			
<p>C2. Jubilee Wood Landowner: Bolesworth Estate Managed by: Tattenhall Wildlife Group Funded by: EU Leader Programme, Woodland Trust, Bolesworth Estate and CWaC. Located on the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor</p> <p>Community woodland of 1,500 trees planted to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 2012. Wood in three compartments comprising a hazel coppice and over 14 Cheshire native species planted within 1.5 hectares. The third compartment is an area of old woodland with distinctive ground flora including native bluebells which were planted in 2012. Leader money has been used to create five ponds, restore one pond and plant woodland wildflowers. Permissive footpath through the Wood used by the local community and connects with public right of way. Site qualifies as a Local Wildlife Site with over 20 species of butterfly recorded.</p>	No change	<p>Include in Local Green Space - privately owned – consultation needed. Although stated as a LWS it is not on the CWaC interactive map (privately owned and consultation required)</p>	

<p>C3. Glebe Meadow Landowner: Tattenhall & District Parish Council Managed by: Tattenhall Wildlife Group Funded by EU Leader Plus programme (2006) Located on the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor Local Wildlife Site (LWS). Small area (2 hectares) of unimproved grassland in which over 23 species of grass have been recorded. Rare breed cattle from Cheshire Wildlife Trust graze the meadow during the summer months.</p>	<p>Add: The Parish Council has opened the field to the public as part of the Nature Park plan so that residents can appreciate the site at close quarters.</p>	<p>Change C3. Glebe Meadow Landowner: Tattenhall & District Parish Council. Local Wildlife Site (LWS). Small area (2 hectares) of unimproved grassland in which over 23 species of grass have been recorded. Managed by the Parish Council as a hay meadow. The Parish Council has allowed public access confined to a permissive footpath as part of the Nature Park plan so that residents can appreciate the site at close quarters. (Ward Cllr)</p>	
<p>C4 Barn Field (land behind flats at Ravensholme Court) Landowner: Tattenhall & District Parish Council Managed by: Tattenhall Wildlife Group Located on the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor Barn Field is an area of unimproved grassland which is now being restored and managed as a wildflower meadow. Lying adjacent to Mill Brook, it is an integral part of the corridor and is a valuable habitat for wildlife. Surrounding trees provide suitable nesting sites for songbirds and, during the summer months, hoverflies, bees and other insects can be identified. Peacock, small skipper and small tortoiseshell butterflies are common here. Several species of bat also roost in this area. Botanical survey scheduled for [2022]. Support for the field from residents of Ravensholme Court sheltered housing. Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor interpretation panel installed 2013.</p>	<p>Add: There is no public access.</p>	<p>Include in Local Green Space (PC leased)</p>	

<p>C5. Land bounded by Barn Field, Glebe Meadow and the Spinney Landowner: CWaC Managed by: Tattenhall Wildlife Group Located on the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor Adjacent to the Mill Brook this is an area of land managed for nature conservation. Lies along the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor Circular Trail and the Millennium Mile.</p>	<p>Replace with: C5. Land bounded by Barn Field, Glebe Meadow and the Spinney Landowner: Parish Council. Managed by: Parish Council. Located on the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor.</p> <p>The wooded area is registered as part of Glebe Meadow but separated from the grassland by the Millennium Mile. The Western boundary is the Mill Brook. The wood is managed with a light touch and is left wild as part of the Nature Park.</p>	<p>Include in Local Green Space (CWaC owned, PC managed as wild flower meadow)</p>	
<p>C6. The Spinney – an area of woodland that runs behind the High Street Landowner: Tattenhall & District Parish Council Managed by: Tattenhall Wildlife Group Located on the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor An area of mature woodland in the heart of the village. Originally planted as a willow coppice in the first decade of the 20th century, the timber has never been harvested. Mature trees and significant ground flora including bluebells, wood anemones, ramsons, celandine. Large rookery supports up to twenty five nests, tawny owls and great spotted woodpeckers present. Excellent invertebrate structure in dead and decaying timber. Adjacent to the Mill Brook.</p>	<p>Replace with: C6. The Spinney – an area of woodland that runs behind the High Street Landowner: Parish Council Managed by: Parish Council An area of mature woodland in the heart of the village. Originally planted as a willow coppice in the first decade of the 20th century, the timber has never been harvested. Mature trees and significant ground flora including bluebells, wood anemones, ramsons, celandine. Large rookery supports up to twenty five nests, tawny owls and great spotted woodpeckers present. Excellent invertebrate structure in dead and decaying timber. Adjacent to the Mill Brook.</p> <p>Add: This area has been redesigned as a more open wooded area with paths for easy access for all residents as part of the Nature Park plan. Seats have been provided and there are picnic benches. The Spinney, adjacent to the Mill Brook, is rich in wildlife and attracts visitors from both within the Parish and elsewhere. The design has greatly</p>	<p>Include in Local Green Space (PC owned)</p>	

	improved the area and is of great benefit to the village.		
<p>C7 Mill Field Landowner: Bolesworth Estate Managed by: Tattenhall Community Association and Tattenhall Wildlife Group Located on the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor Small field in the heart of the village and bisected by the Millennium Mile and Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor trail. Currently under restoration as a flowering natural and semi-natural meadow. Seats and interpretation panel in a small landscaped circle.</p>	<p>Replace with: C7 Mill Field Landowner: Bolesworth Estate Managed by: Tattenhall Community Association and Tattenhall Wildlife Group Located on the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor Add: A small field area in the centre of the village, owned by the Bolesworth Estate and managed by the Trustees of Tattenhall Community Association. The village War Memorial is sited at the edge of the field and a statue of a War Horse was installed on the field as part of the WWI commemoration in 2014. The field has seats which are regularly used by residents walking in the area as it forms part of the Millennium Mile way.</p>	<p>Include in Local Green Space (Bolesworth owned BI trustees managed)</p>	
<p>c8 Disused railway line between Chester Road and Frog Lane Landowner: Bolesworth Estate Managed by: Tattenhall Wildlife Group Funded by: EU Leader Programme Located on the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor [Recently] restored by Tattenhall Wildlife Group the disused railway line provides a significant terrestrial corridor crossing the Golborne Brook. Providing views into Tattenhall, the Sandstone Ridge and the Welsh Hills. Part of the line is a Local Wildlife Site due to the presence of common spotted orchids. Floristically diverse corridor extending for 200 metres.</p>	<p>Replace with: c8 Disused railway line between Chester Road and Frog Lane Landowner: Bolesworth Estate Managed by: Tattenhall Wildlife Group Funded by: EU Leader Programme Located on the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor Restored by Tattenhall Wildlife Group, the disused railway line provides a significant terrestrial corridor crossing the Golborne Brook. Providing views into Tattenhall, the Sandstone Ridge and the Welsh Hills. Part of the line is a Local Wildlife Site due to the presence of common spotted orchids. Floristically diverse corridor extending for 200 metres.</p>	<p>This is a designated LWS</p>	

C9 Entrance to and field in front of Tattenhall Hall Landowner: Private ownership Located on the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor Significant wildflower meadow at the front of Tattenhall Hall.	Add: Although privately owned and maintained, the meadow is integral to the historic centre of the village with an open aspect to the Jacobean Tattenhall Hall.	Include in Local Green Space - privately owned – consultation needed and there may be reasonable justification for community involvement in maintenance etc.	
C10 Allotment Pond, Rocky Lane Landowner: Bolesworth Estate Managed by: Tattenhall Wildlife Group Large marl pit surrounded by mature oaks adjacent to the allotments off Rocky Lane. Ongoing management work including tree removal and hedge laying.	No change	Already included in Local Green Space	
C11 Land within curtilage of Tattenhall Marina Landowner: Bolesworth Estate A significant area of land surrounding three sides of the Marina has been developed for nature conservation and includes a series of ponds, wildflower meadow and planting of native trees. In addition a new permissive footpath links the Canal with Newton Lane.	Add: The land largely falls within the Shropshire Union Canal Conservation Area	Include in Local Green Space - privately owned – consultation needed.	
		Add canal bank west of Red Lane bridge is a designated LWS – citation etc needed	
		Add Sections of the disused railway line at Newton Lane, Chester Road and Adjacent to the Righi (only a small part is in our NP area) are designated LWS, not included in the NP – citation etc needed.	

		Add There are two LWS associated with the River Gowy and Crimes Brook part of which fall in the NP area which need inclusion and citation etc.	
Appendix B contains a description of each of these areas.			
New development in the Parish should:			
Seek to protect and, where possible, enhance wildlife value, on the application site, surrounding sites and wildlife corridors	No change		
Respect local landscape character by reference to the [Village Design Statement]	Replace with: Respect local landscape character by reference to the Tattenhall and District Design Code.		Does the design code include local landscape character and cover the areas outside the main settlement area?
Support the creation of a network of green- spaces for sport and outdoor recreation	No change		