

SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS AND COUNCIL'S RESPONSE

Comment from:	Comment	Local Authority Response
Matthew Ellis Natural Resources Wales	<p>GCN is partially protected under the provisions of the WCA</p> <p>State the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017</p> <p>Now Reg 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017</p> <p>Change text in respect of NRW</p> <p>Change text: From NRW's preferred option is for the area to be handed over or with a long term lease with sufficient resources to a Wildlife Trust or similar organisation</p> <p>To: From a number of perspectives it is the Councils and NRW's collective view that the preferred option is for the area to be handed over with sufficient long term resources to a third sector body.</p>	Noted. Amendments will be made.
Mandy Cartwright North Wales Officer Amphibian and Reptile Conservation	<p>The Great Crested Newt Mitigation requirement – Johnstown Newt site SAC and the wider countryside - provides a plan for sustainable development for urbanisation growth whilst retaining and providing suitable habitat for the GCN lifecycle, and the genetic strength of the meta -population.</p> <p>It provides a structure and guidance for developers and planning applications from legislation to the long term management and monitoring of the species. It covers all detailed aspects of development and mitigation/compensation requirements in a user friendly way. The guidance is clear and transparent with supporting information for any future developers wishing to develop in certain areas. It provides information of current specialist organisations who manage land for GCN and the activities they carry out which aids the trend towards favourable conservation of this species.</p>	Supportive of the LPGN and its aims.

<p>Adrian Lloyd Jones – North Wales Wildlife Trust</p>	<p>I think it's very good but some of the indicative costs seem too low and would not be enough to cover travel costs, report writing and administration/overhead costs. Also, some activities such as monitoring require two people to be present for H&S reasons re: working near water.</p>	<p>Noted. But it was felt important to support the same pricing structure as adopted by Flintshire County Council to avoid disparity with a neighbouring authority.</p>
<p>Councillor David A Bithell, Lead Member for Environment & Transport, Local Member for Johnstown</p>	<p>Does the briefing note support or enhance the Stryt Las operational management plan?</p> <p>Why can't we cut the grass on the outside of Stryt Las park?</p> <p>Has a newt survey been carried out ?</p> <p>Has the newt population increased or decreased?</p> <p>Can you provide any supporting evidence?</p>	<p>The draft LPGN strongly supports the objectives of Conservation Management Plan. The LPGN itself won't effect any management activities as its aim is to ensure that sufficient resources are put aside for mitigation schemes outside the park itself, but within a distance that we know newts from the Special Areas of Conservation travel.</p> <p>The LPGN does not seek to change existing management, but help with requirements for mitigation on new developments.</p> <p>Surveys of all the main water bodies are carried out annually. The populations fluctuate but in general the Stryt Las population had a massive decline and is recovering slowly. The Hafod populations are relatively stable. Graphs and supporting evidence has been supplied.</p>