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Good afternoon,

I hope you are well.

I've submitted a response to the draft plan using the online form, but realise I omitted to add comments on Old Park and Chequers Wood. I'm not sure if it's allowed to submit a second online form, so please would you therefore include these comments in your consultation (and apologies for giving you extra work).

I would like CCC to make these amendments to the existing draft Local Plan:

#### **Chapter 1: Spatial Strategy for the District**

I endorse the rewording that Friends of Old Park and Chequers Wood (FOPCW) have drafted, to strengthen the existing text of para 10 of the Environmental Strategy for the District (Policy SS1). Please redraft it to read as follows:

*'The council will continue to work with partners to explore the promotion of a Stour Valley Regional Park, to support the extension and improved connectivity of the Blean Woodland Complex and to protect and improve the entirety of the Old Park and Chequers Wood habitat. The area of OPCW which is currently outside the SSSI boundaries should be designated as a protected Public Open Space.'*

#### **Chapter 2: Canterbury**

Page 32, paragraph 7 of Policy C5

As requested by FOPCW, please include reference to Old Park & Chequers Wood. It should read as follows:

*'The city's network of open spaces and green infrastructure will be protected and enhanced. A key opportunity to do this will arise with the sale of the MoD landholdings at Old Park & Chequers Wood.'*

#### **Chapter 6: District-wide Strategic Policies**

I endorse the request by FOPCW to include a new policy on Old Park & Chequers Wood. Please introduce their wording as follows:

*'We urge the introduction of a new policy on the Old Park and Chequers Wood and Stodmarsh complex, together with the adjacent open spaces. These two Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) are virtually contiguous and offer huge opportunities to restore, enhance, expand and connect the mosaic of habitats that characterise this stretch of the Stour Valley. The result would be comparable to the landscape-scale nature recovery proposals outlined in Policy DS23 on the Blean Wood complex'.*

Many thanks  
best wishes  
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