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This document is an addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal of the Northampton Local Plan Part 2

with the Local Wildlife Site and thereby ensure that any direct loss of this designated wildlife site is avoided.

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1.1 LUC prepared an integrated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) report dated 18th June 2020 to accompany a second round of Regulation 19 consultation on the Proposed Submission Northampton Local Plan Part 2.

1.2 This addendum provides clarification of the appraisal findings in relation to the allocation by Policy 26 of Land adjoining Dallington Cemetery.

1.3 At paragraph 5.77, the appraisal of Policy 26: Sites for Burial Space states the following:

1.4 *“A minor negative effect is identified in relation to SA objective 9 as a proposed extension of Dallington Cemetery is within a Local Wildlife Site (Dallington Brook Field). Additionally, the site is adjacent to Dallington Old Tennis Courts & Ponds Local Wildlife Site, with a potential for adverse effects on this. However, the policy states that ecological assessments should be carried out ahead of any application on the sites set out within this policy, due to local wildlife sites and habitats present within close proximity to the sites. Furthermore, proposals for extended cemeteries should be sensitive to ensure there is no harm to biodiversity. The effect is recorded as uncertain because it is unknown at this stage whether the cemetery extension could be achieved without adverse effects on both local wildlife sites.”*

1.5 Closer inspection of the site allocation ‘Land adjoining Dallington cemetery’ reveals that the intersection between the allocated site and Dallington Brook Field Local Wildlife Site is limited to an area of approximately 4 square metres in the north eastern corner of the allocated site and may therefore be the result of inaccurate digitisation of the boundary of the allocated site. However, in its current form such an allocation could potentially combine with other small encroachments into the Local Wildlife Site by future developments to cumulatively result in a significant negative effect on the Local Wildlife Site. It is therefore recommended that the boundary of the allocated site be redrawn in order to avoid this small area of intersection