

Section	Theme	Ref no.	Comment	Respondent	River Wensum Strategy Partnership Response	Proposed change	Proposed change ref
VISION AND OBJECTIVES							
	Vision / scope	1	Strongly support twin approach which will see the River Wensum develop in parallel as a better used and better understood community resource, as well as a strategic asset in terms of the County's visitor economy.	NCC CES (Norfolk County Council Culture & Heritage and Community, Information and Learning)	Noted	No change	
	Vision / scope	2	Strengthen vision by adding reference to biodiversity and flood resilience.	Norwich Green party & others	Noted. Reference to biodiversity is proposed to be added into the objective relating to environment and green infrastructure (provide ref). Flood resilience is addressed in the Environment chapter. The vision is an overarching statement which does not need to include all the matters covered by the objectives however it would benefit from being amended to make reference to the river corridor's natural and historic environment (in response to this and other representations) as this will help support its regeneration.	Amend the vision at paragraph 2.3 (and in the Executive Summary) to read "The strategy aims to breathe new life into the river corridor by enhancing it for the benefit of all and increasing access to, and greater use of, this important asset. <u>An enhanced river corridor, with its unique natural and historic environment</u> , will once again play an important role in the growth and vitality of the city, strengthening the visitor economy, and helping to give the city a competitive advantage in attracting inward investment."	PC1
	Vision / scope	3	The County Council's EDT Committee agreed to strongly endorse the vision and objectives of the draft River Wensum Strategy and to support the ongoing partnership working, but felt Norwich City Council should look beyond the current boundary to get best value for the Strategy. It was suggested that tributaries of the Wensum should be included in the strategy and that it should also include Taverham, Ringland and Costessy. The Western Link plan was not included in the document as it was outside the scope of the River Wensum strategy and its boundaries; the Chairman suggested it should be included.	NCC EDT (Norfolk County Council Environment, Development and Transport committee)	Noted. The scope of the strategy has been agreed with public and stakeholder input during two stages of public consultation. The purpose of the strategy is to bring about regeneration of the river corridor within the city, including Whittingham, with a strong focus on maximising its potential for leisure, environmental, cultural, heritage and business opportunities for the benefit of all. Retaining this focus is considered important to ensure effective delivery so it not proposed to extend the strategy boundary as suggested. However it is considered appropriate to add a reference to the Western Link in the Environment section.	Add new paragraph 6.45 to read: "The River Wensum strategy area does not exist in isolation, and developments outside its boundary may have implications and opportunities for the regeneration of the river corridor, such as the proposed Western Link from the Northern Distributor Road to the A47. If this major development goes ahead it is important that any potential environmental impacts arising from it on the Wensum downstream are fully addressed and mitigated."	PC2
	Vision / scope	4	Need focus on river ecology and nature, and recognise that river is part of a wider ecosystem	Several individuals	Noted. There is a greater emphasis on ecology and the natural environment in the vision and objectives as proposed to be amended, and by proposed changes to the Environment section.	See proposed changes PC1, PC8, PC22, and PC28	
	Vision / scope	5	Strategy focus is on visitor economy and city centre. Strategy needs to address deprivation & inequalities, and include projects in areas of deprivation eg Wensum and Hellesdon wards	Several individuals; Friends of the Marlpit; Friends of Train Wood / Marriotts way; Cllr Bogelein (NCC).	The strategy is focused on a wide range of issues which includes the visitor economy however the current focus of the action plan is mainly on projects in the city centre as these are considered to be the most feasible and deliverable. In section 3 (Management) the strategy refers to the need to address social deprivation and inequalities. Some opportunities are already identified for projects in key areas of deprivation, including the area upstream of New Mills, in the Walking and Cycling section (paragraph 4.22), the Waterways access and Leisure section (paragraph 5.14 in relation to canoe access and paragraph 5.27 in relation to angling) and Environment section (paragraph 6.19 in relation to habitat enhancement) and in Appendix 3. It is accepted that some additional changes are required to the document to strengthen this. The action plan is also proposed to be amended to include an assessment of all proposed projects, including those for areas of social deprivation.	See proposed change PC12	

	Vision / scope	6	Need reference to risks such as climate change and opportunities such as meaningful community working.	Friends of Train Wood / Marriotts way	Noted. Reference to climate change is proposed to be included in the Environment chapter. Reference to the potential for community involvement is proposed to be strengthened in the Management chapter - see PC6.	Add new paragraph 6.3 in the Environment chapter: ' The easterly, low-lying and coastal nature of the Broads landscape makes it particularly vulnerable to the predicted impacts of climate change and sea level rise, including coastal and river flooding. The length of river covered by this strategy includes both tidal and fluvial influenced sections, as New Mills pumping station is considered the tidal limit. The strategy should underpin climate change adaptation to ensure that flood, environmental and economic resilience is improved as a result of actions taken. The flood risk planning responsibilities of the Environment Agency consider the risks posed by climate change. More information on climate change in this area can be found through the Broads Climate Partnership at http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/looking-after/climate-change .'	PC3
	Vision / scope	7	The strategy appears to ignore the River Yare and the potential for connecting the Wensum with it for walking, cycling and canoeing, and for linking the green infrastructures of the two river corridors at Whittingham Park.	Several individuals and Yare Valley Society	Not accepted. The scope of this strategy is the River Wensum however it does acknowledge the need for wider connectivity in chapter 4 including a link to Whittingham Country Park.	No change	
	Vision / scope	8	Quantify wider benefits of all actions and build relationships with potential beneficiaries who share aspirations	Environment agency	Noted. It is accepted that all potential projects should be assessed in a methodical manner. Building relationships is a key part of the strategy and referred to in section 3 (Management and Partnership Working) at paragraphs 3.11 - 3.13, and section 8 (Implementation and Action Plan) at paragraphs 8.8-8.9.	No change	
	Vision / scope	9	Objectives are not all reflected in vision - no mention of social or environmental aims. Vision also needs to protect and enhance quality of Wensum as an important environmental asset.	Norwich Green Party	The vision is proposed to be amended to include more specific reference to environment, and already refers to providing 'access for all', which includes disadvantaged groups.	See proposed change to vision - PC1	
	Vision / scope	10	Central focus should be use of river corridor by residents, and enhancement of wellbeing for residents and opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Less focus on tourism and economic growth.	Cllr Bogelein	Noted, however whilst recognising that residents are key stakeholders, the vision strikes an appropriate balance between the interests of residents, businesses and visitors to increase use of the river by all. Encouragement of tourism and economic growth is fundamental to regeneration of the river corridor, with benefits for wellbeing enhancement and disadvantaged communities.	No change.	
	Vision / scope	11	Suggestion to add an independent section on heritage (probably within section 6), setting out and summarising the character and context of the historic environment along the different sections of river within the strategy boundary.	Historic England	Agree that a new section on the historic environment should be added into the Environment section.	Insert new section on the Historic Environment at paragraphs 6.36 - 6.38 in the Environment section.	PC4
	Objectives generally	12	Objectives are appropriate but would like to see strategy benefit 'boosting the local economy' (2nd bullet on page 7) reflected in objectives.	Norwich BID	Noted, however it is considered that the vision and objectives already acknowledge the importance of boosting the local economy - for example the reference to enhancing growth and vitality and attracting inward investment in the vision, and the the fourth and eighth objectives which refer to maximising the attractiveness of the city as a place to do business and attracting external funding .	No change	
	Objectives generally	13	Add new objective: "Identify and develop the commercial and economic opportunities within the River Wensum Corridor".	Norwich Fringe Project	Noted but this is quite specific for an objective and in any case is already covered by policy 9 which seeks to encourage greater commercial activity in the river corridor.	No change	
	Objectives generally	14	Amend strategy aims on p6 by adding a proposal to "Conserve and where possible enhance the historic environment and individual designated and non-designated heritage assets along the riverbank to ensure the historic riverside environment it also maintained".	Historic England	Accepted. Add proposed text to bullet points under 'Environment' heading on p.6 (in Executive Summary).	Add the words "and historic" into first sentence of Section on Environment in the Executive Summary to read: "The strategy aims to improve the natural and historic environment..." Add additional bullet under Environment heading on p.6 to read: "Conserve and where possible enhance the historic environment and individual designated and non-designated heritage assets along the riverbank to ensure the historic riverside environment."	PC5
	Objectives generally	15	Add new objective "Encourage and facilitate use of river downstream of New Mills by pleasure craft from canoes to small launches by providing more pontoons and moorings".	Individual	Noted, however this is already sufficiently addressed in the Waterways access chapter, for example in policies 6 and 7 and by a range of action plan projects to enhance waterways infrastructure.	No change	
	Objectives generally	16	Add new objective on improving resilience to flooding	Norwich Green Party	Noted but this is quite specific and is covered by the existing objective 3 which relates to the Environment. This issue is also addressed in paragraphs 6.27-6.29 in the Environment section.	No change	

	Objectives generally	17	Add new objective: "Address and resolve anti-social behaviour and the misuse of the River Wensum Corridor".	Norwich Fringe Project	Noted, however this strategy's primary aim is to increase access to and activity on the river; it is not an anti-social behaviour strategy. It does however acknowledge that this is a very important issue and makes reference to it in Appendix 1 (Roles and Responsibilities), and in relation to specific projects where appropriate.	No change	
	Objectives generally	18	Add new objective: "Develop opportunities for people to get actively involved in the enhancement and management of the River Wensum Corridor.	Norwich Fringe Project	Noted. This is a means of delivering the strategy rather than an objective, so no change is proposed to the objectives. However it is proposed that an amendment is made to paragraph 3.14 in the management section of the strategy to address this issue.	Add new second sentence into paragraph 3.14: "Opportunities will be taken where appropriate to encourage the active participation of these groups in the enhancement and management of the river corridor. "	PC6
	Objective 1 (management)	19	Concern at ongoing maintenance	Several individuals	Ongoing maintenance is addressed in paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8 of the strategy (management section) and in section 8 (Implementation and Action Plan)	No change	
	Objective 2 (access)	20	Connectivity should be optimised for cycling and walking and should state this. 'Norfolk Trails' is too vague a term and is subject to a change in meaning over time or in interpretation. In practice it can mean routes and surfaces unsuitable for cycling.	Norwich Cycling Campaign	Not accepted that objective 2 needs to be amended. Section 4 of the strategy clarifies what is meant by Norfolk Trails, and sets out the intention to increase access for both cycling and walking.	No change	
	Objective 2 (access)	21	Objective 2 is interpreted in the draft strategy by almost exclusive reference to Norfolk Trails, with very little mention of opportunities for casual users and for those on shorter walks through and around the city. This should be corrected.	The Ramblers	Noted, however section 4 (Walking and Cycling access) is intended to increase opportunities for both casual usage as well as those seeking longer distance opportunities. A change is proposed to paragraph 4.1 to better clarify this.	Amend second sentence of paragraph 4.1: "The strategy presents an opportunity to improve the infrastructure for walking and cycling within the Wensum River corridor for all users ,..."	PC7
	Objective 3 (natural environment)	22	Minute for meeting on 13-08-2017: members proposed that the objective relating to the natural environment and green infrastructure should be revised to include reference to biodiversity.	Norwich City Council Sustainable Development Panel	Accepted.	Amend the third objective in paragraph 2.4 (and in Executive Summary) to read "Enhancing the natural environment, biodiversity and green infrastructure".	PC8
	Objective 5 (heritage)	23	Amend objective to read "Enhancing the historic environment, ensuring its long term conservation and making the most of the unique and significant heritage assets within the river corridor".	Historic England	Noted. Amend wording in objective 5, but adding the words "where practicable" in relation to the long term conservation of heritage assets .	Amend fifth objective in paragraph 2.4 (and in Executive Summary) to read "Enhancing the historic environment, ensuring its long term conservation where practicable, and making the most of the unique and significant heritage assets within the river corridor".	PC9
	Objective 7 (public expenditure)	24	This is a negative objective	Individual	Not accepted . It is essential that the strategy acknowledges the constrained nature of public sector budgets.	No change	
	Objective 8 (external funding opportunities)	25	Private sector investment may reduce public access or limit long term potential	Individual	Noted. The RWSP will have overall responsibility for delivery of the strategy and would not wish to reduce public access or limit potential for enhancement.	No change	
	Other	26	Would welcome the opportunity to be more involved in the strategy delivery, with representation on the Strategy Board or Delivery Board.	Norwich BID	Noted. Norwich BID is a key stakeholder and should be involved in delivery. The precise make-up of the Strategy/Delivery Board is not specified in the strategy as this may change over time.	No change	
MANAGEMENT							
	Roles and responsibilities	27	The 'lead' or 'coordinating' partner should be clear to the public and be accountable to Norwich residents. Who will be responsible for the 'clarification of partners roles and responsibilities'?	Individuals	Noted. The strategy makes clear that the Norwich City Council manages the River Wensum Strategy Partnership and works closely with the other partners. The strategy also sets out individual responsibilities for a range of river related public services (see Appendix 1) which clarifies the accountable body for each.	No change	
	Roles and responsibilities	28	Providing clarity of roles and responsibilities will lead to better outcomes and customer service for river users. It will also help ensure that the strategy actions obtain the best possible outcomes for the river whilst recognising constraints posed by conflicting uses.	Environment agency	Noted.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	29	Current maintenance arrangements are not sufficient, for example some bits of the riverside walk are poorly maintained. Multiple agencies gives plenty of opportunity for uncoordinated approach .	Individual	Noted. The strategy aims to improve maintenance through closer and more coordinated working of partners and involvement of volunteers and local community where practicable.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	30	How will long-term maintenance be funded and managed, at a time of local government cut-backs?	Individual	The strategy acknowledges (in para 3.8) that funding for ongoing maintenance is constrained, and seeks opportunities to maximise volunteer and community input and sponsorship where appropriate. Individual projects will also have to demonstrate that they do not add to council maintenance liabilities.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	31	More details are required as to how the proposals will be managed.	Individual	The strategy is a relatively high level document and therefore does not include management details for individual projects. Detailed management arrangements will be fleshed out in more detail as projects progress.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	32	Concern at antisocial behaviour issues eg drinking, drug-taking and rubbish. Reporting it to the council doesn't make any difference.	Individual	Not accepted. Responsibility for dealing with ASB depends on the particular activity and many issues need to be reported to the Police. The relevant bodies (which include the city council and Broads Authority as well as the Police) respond to ASB reports as appropriate. See Norwich City Council's website which provides information about dealing with and reporting ASB, and Appendix 1 of the Strategy.	No change	

	Management and maintenance	33	Greater cooperation between partners will not reduce maintainance costs (eg St Edmund's Wharf). For example, the path along the river by St. Edmunds Wharf will need infrastructure (gates, lighting, barriers) all of which will have to be maintained. The boat moorings proposed for the Quayside will likewise be a huge drain on resources. The policy and strategy needs to focus on what is real and achievable given budgetary constraints.	Individual	Not accepted. If the riverside walk between Fye Bridge and Whitefriars (which includes St Edmund's Wharf) is completed, appropriate maintenance will be costed and factored into the project. Please note that this project is proposed to be removed from the action plan - see PC14. In relation to the Quayside proposal (action plan project W4), these moorings will be designed to have minimal ongoing maintenance and will be managed by the Broads Authority as part of its normal management duties. ASB is likely to be reduced by active management.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	34	Investigate a Payment for Ecosystem Services scheme in order to keep costs down.	Individual	Noted, however this is more relevant to rural environments and is not considered applicable to the River Wensum corridor.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	35	Need more, and better placed, litter bins, and more public toilets.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	36	Don't have too much signage, fencing or street furniture - keep it simple.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	37	Overall control must stay with the council to stop exploitation by vested interests. The strategy should not be a money making exercise for external contractors.	Individual	The River Wensum Strategy Partnership (or individual partners as relevant) will have overall responsibility for delivery of the strategy, but will work with other organisations where appropriate and will monitor progress.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	38	Concern that we might end up with privately-sponsored facilities which might not be sustainable in the longer term.	Individual	Sponsorship will only be explored for certain types of proposals for example floating vegetation planters. This sort of sponsorship has a successful track record eg Norwich in Bloom.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	39	What we have with the river at the moment is great, the existing stuff needs maintaining. If money is spend in a smart fashion we could see long lasting improvements.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	40	Must ensure that navigation rights are maintained - do not allow bridges to be built with less than enough clearance for double decked tour vessels	Individual	Noted, however bridge clearance is an issue in the historic city centre and restricts the size of boat that can navigate upstream of Bishop's Bridge.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	41	Tree planting should be a responsibility, in addition to maintenance. Invite Woodland Trust involvement.	Clr Grahame (NCC)	Noted, however given funding issues around ongoing maintenance, the strategy does not propose new tree planting on public land in the river corridor. Provision of new trees can be delivered through new development as proposed in Norwich City Council's policy DM7 (Trees and Development).	No change	
	Management and maintenance	42	Need for single point of contact, dedicated website, and contact details incorporated in any new signage.	Norwich Society	There is currently a dedicated webpage for the River Wensum Strategy which will be reviewed and expanded by the time the Strategy is adopted, and will act as a single point of contact for queries. It is not proposed to include RWS contact details in new signage as contacts may change over time.	No change	
	Management and maintenance	43	Explore potential for a River Wensum Trust to help market, promote and bring in external funding not currently open to the RWSP, and employment of a project officer to oversee work and take action plan forward.	Norwich Fringe Project	Noted. The proposed Strategic and Delivery Boards will investigate options for attracting external funding which may involve examining the potential of establishing a trust.	No change	
	Clarification of policy framework & guidance	44	Need revised planning guidance for the river, and to control increased use of the river to reduce nuisance	Norwich Society	Noted. As set out in Appendix 2, there is already much existing policy and guidance for the river corridor. This includes policies in the City Council and Broads Authority adopted local plan documents, Supplementary Planning Documents, Conservation Area Appraisals, and other guidance documents. The RWSP has not identified a need for any other planning guidance for the river at present.	No change	
	Health and safety	45	The proposal will negatively impact the residents of St Edmunds Wharf in terms of security and privacy, that it is not a good investment of public funds, poses a health and safety risk and will detrimentally impact the wildlife in this section of the river. A 24 hour mooring shall serve to negatively impact the living conditions of the residents.	St Edmund's Wharf Management company & residents, Old Miller's Wharf residents	Noted. However the RWSP does not accept that the strategy proposals pose a health and safety issue or will be detrimental to wildlife. There is already over 11km of riverside walk in Norwich, much of which is within the city centre, which generally does not give rise to problems with safety and security. Development of detailed proposals for the provision of riverside walk between Fye Bridge and Whitefriars Bridge will take safety and security into consideration as part of project design (although please note that this project is proposed to be removed from the action plan - see proposed change PC14). Creation of properly designed moorings at Quayside will reduce the likelihood of the living conditions of residents being adversely affected.	No change	
	Partnership working	46	The BID is able to offer a conduit to businesses in the city centre. The stretch of river from New Mills to Carrow Bridge has recently been included in the BID's area of responsibility. This may assist with community and stakeholder participation.	Norwich BID	Noted.	No change	
	Partnership working	47	The BID is planning three conferences in 2018 for Retail, Leisure and Commercial. There may be an opportunity to use these to promote the work of the RWSP	Norwich BID	Noted.	No change	

	Partnership working	48	Overall support for closer working with partners to ensure tangible results are achieved, however some concern that the number and type of organisations involved may make this difficult.	Individual	Noted, however partnership working is considered to have many potential benefits, particularly in terms of identifying project funding.	No change	
	Partnership working	49	Enhancing the working relationships between organisations with a responsibility for managing the river can only be a positive step. Having a clear strategy direction will also help minimise potential conflicts that could arise as a result of the multiple uses and pressures placed on the river.	Environment agency	Noted.	No change	
	Partnership working	50	What incentives will be offered to bring about closer working among existing partners and bringing new external partners into the scheme?	Individual	The key bodies with responsibility for management of the river corridor are already working together as the River Wensum Strategy Partnership. Many individuals have expressed interest in getting involved in the partnership's work - motivation appears to be the opportunity to maximise benefits for the river corridor.	No change	
	Partnership working	51	The Broads Authority is often biased towards boating access at the expense of angling access.	Individual	Noted. The strategy aims to meet the needs of all river users. Map 12 sets out areas for specific uses, including moorings, other river infrastructure, and angling. This ensures angling access along the river in key locations.	No change	
	Partnership working	52	Support for partnership working with (among others) Norfolk Trails in relation to access related projects, in particular making connections between the riverside walk and Norfolk Trails network.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Partnership working	53	Suggestion to add Historic England and HLF to list of potential partners in paragraph 3.13, in relation to projects that have an historic environment element.	Historic England	Agreed.	Amend para 3.13 by adding the following: "Historic England and potentially the Heritage Lottery Fund in relation to projects that have an historic environment element,"	PC10
	Partnership working	54	Need to engage with the private sector on the strategy, and encourage sponsorship from businesses such as Aviva, Norwich City, Jarrolds, UEA, John Lewis and some of the businesses on the river bank to really support the strategy.	Norwich Fringe Project, NS & others	Noted. The need for ongoing engagement with the business community is acknowledged. This may be achieved through working more closely with Norwich BID and involvement in their programme of conferences. Private sector sponsorship may be appropriate for some projects and merits further exploration; this is already noted in the strategy.	No change	
	Partnership working	55	The strategy could do more to make clear that business opportunities offered by development of the river will be supported, including low start up costs and providing for free or very low-cost pop-up facilities.	Norwich Society	Noted. Strategy does support business opportunities in the river corridor - see paragraphs 5.28 - 5.34.	No change	
	Partnership working	56	The presence of Norwich University of the Arts is a major opportunity to utilise students' creativity in promoting the river and its attractiveness, and could benefit river festival.	Norwich Society	Noted.	No change	
	Community & stakeholder participation	57	Engage communities more closely in the strategy, although the Council should continue to provide direction and leadership.	Individual	Noted. A change has been proposed to paragraph 3.14 in this respect.	See proposed change PC6.	
	Community & stakeholder participation	58	Make at least some strands of strategy community led and much more participative. Community and stakeholder participation should be a priority. The community and local stakeholder groups therefore need to be listed as partners in the partnership working section (3.11-3.13). Community activity can have multiple benefits and also deliver the aspiration of the strategy to be less dependent on local authorities.	Friends of Train Wood and Marriott's Way	Noted. The local community and stakeholders can play an important role in the delivery of certain aspects of the strategy, which should be reflected in the list of partners in 3.13, and the RWSP will consult with the local community and relevant stakeholders in design of specific projects as appropriate. These groups are already involved in the development of the strategy through the public consultation process.	Amend the section on Partnership working by adding a new final sentence to paragraph 3.13: "Local community groups and stakeholder groups can also play an important role in the design and delivery of projects and in some cases it may be appropriate for projects to be community led, dependant on the nature of specific projects."	PC11
	Community & stakeholder participation	59	The strategy must have a defined policy to support groups to identify and make funding bids etc.	Friends of Train Wood and Marriott's Way	Noted. The RWSP is supportive of local communities who wish to get involved in delivery however does not have dedicated resources to support such groups in most instances. However as set out in paragraph 3.14, Norwich City Council's community engagement strategy aims to help local communities to help themselves where possible, by increasing their capacity to make funding bids for example. In addition the city council's new Crowdfund Norwich initiative helps community groups, social enterprises and charities to bid for funds for community projects.	No change	
	Community & stakeholder participation	60	How much will the revitalisation of the Wensum rely on voluntary and community participation, especially for the ongoing maintenance of any projects? Some concerns expressed that proper staffing is required rather than relying on volunteers who may not always be able to help.	Individual	The strategy will provide the framework for revitalisation of the river corridor, and it is hoped that voluntary/community participation will play an important role in that, however the key responsibility for maintenance will continue to lie primarily with the city council and to a lesser extent with the other RWS partners (as set out in appendix 1 of the strategy).	No change	
	Community & stakeholder participation	61	Need focus on disadvantaged communities in the strategy as a whole, not just Policy 1. The River Wensum flows through some of the most disadvantaged communities in the city.	Friends of Train Wood and Marriott's Way	Noted. One of the strategy objectives is to address social deprivation and inequalities, which applies to the strategy area as a whole.	No change	
	Community & stakeholder participation	62	Genuine community engagement might support provision of pocket parks for leisure wildlife and food growing. This would also help reduce inequality by giving access to small growing spaces.	Cllr Grahame (NCC)	Noted.	No change	

	Community & stakeholder participation	63	Opportunities for volunteers to help maintain and manage the river and surrounding area are supported, including as a health benefit. The development of a volunteer task force needs more development. Potential opportunities to work with volunteers to actively manage natural areas including Train wood, parts of the Riverside Walk, wildlife corridors, natural areas in Wensum Park and increasing and maintaining biodiversity along the river corridor.	Norwich Fringe Project, Individual	Agreed. This is already identified within the strategy document (see paragraph 3.14) and strengthened by proposed change PC6. It is proposed that this will be further explored by Strategic / Delivery boards.	No change	
	Community & stakeholder participation	64	General support for use of volunteers but some concern that volunteers are difficult to recruit and retain.	Individual	The experience of partners is that there is a lot of interest in volunteering however it is important that volunteers are effectively managed to encourage retention.	No change	
	Community & stakeholder participation	65	Little reference to opportunities to maximise volunteer and community input in the strategy. All the bodies listed as potential partners in 3.13 are public sector bodies or other large organisations, with no reference to groups such as Friends of Train Wood and the Marlpit Community Meadow Group. Need to harness the expertise and energy of residents associations and other community groups already active in areas close to the river, and acknowledge them as equal partners like the bodies listed in 3.13. Local councillors have not had an opportunity to contribute to this strategy independently of public consultations, despite repeated requests.	Norwich Green Party	Agree that reference should be made to the community and stakeholder groups in 3.13 (see proposed change PC11). Local councillors (NCC and BA) have been involved in the strategy development process through council committee meetings and the public consultation events.	No change	
	Social & health inequalities	66	Need a stronger focus on addressing social inequalities. There are no projects in the action plan to deliver the aspiration of addressing social and health inequalities, but plenty to benefit the city centre. The strategy should include projects in the action plan which have come from community groups in areas of deprivation, ie in Mile Cross and Wensum Wards and in particular the Hellesdon Mills area.	Friends of Marlpit Paddocks, Cllr Bogelein	The action plan does contain projects to address social and health inequalities, such as enhancing access for all in the river corridor. It is acknowledged that the focus of action plan projects is primarily on the city centre at present due to their deliverability of the identified projects, however the intention is to carry out an audit of all suggested projects, many of which are outside the city centre area. The RWSP proposes a new action plan project to audit all proposed projects against a standard set of criteria, including addressing deprivation issues, to consider their possible inclusion in the strategy / action plan.	Amend action plan to require an audit of all potential projects identified through the consultation, to be undertaken in the short term (within 1 year), and add new text at paragraph 8.3-8.5 setting out the proposed assessment criteria. Amend Executive Summary to reflect this, adding a new second sentence under Action Plan and Funding to read: "The action plan also includes an assessment of potential project suggestions in order to identify additional projects for future delivery. It is a living document and will be updated as required." Also amend para 1.10 by adding a new second sentence "The focus of current action plan projects is mainly within the city centre as this is where current opportunities and potential funding have been identified, however there are other projects that could be developed for the area upstream of New Mills, some of which have been identified through the consultation process." and a new penultimate sentence: "Potential future projects will be assessed and, subject to how they perform against the assessment criteria, may be included in a future version of the Action Plan." .	PC12
	Social & health inequalities	67	It is not clear how Policy 1 will be implemented or how its benefits for deprived communities will be measured. Also the strategy is focused on the city centre, with nothing upstream of New Mills where the more disadvantaged communities are concentrated. Communities around Mile Cross and Marl Pit Lane, for instance, will therefore see no benefits in the short term. This casts serious doubt on the commitment to policy 1 before implementation has even started.	Norwich Green Party	Noted. The intention of Policy 1 is to ensure that health and social inequalities are taken into consideration in the delivery of the strategy as far as possible. The RWSP proposes a change to the strategy to assess all proposed projects against the strategy objectives which include addressing social deprivation and inequalities (see proposed change PC12).	No change	
	Social & health inequalities	68	Support for Policy 1. Walking and cycling provision will have clear health benefits. River transport will help those with mobility difficulties to access the river corridor. Other measures include access to pocket gardens, improved pedestrian facilities along the river, and level access / tactile guides.	Cllr Grahame	Noted.	No change.	
	Social & health inequalities	69	Map 2 is inaccurate and needs to be redrawn with latest SOA data.	Friends of Train Wood and Marriott's Way	Map 2 is based on Multiple Deprivation data at LSOA (lower super output area) level and is up to date.	No change	
	Other	70	More emphasis needed on private sector input. Eg new planning applications must include relevant measures to enhance the river corridor, and involve private owners of the river bank where possible.	Individual	Adopted planning policy includes some requirements of riverside developers in terms of riverside walk and new moorings, for example Norwich City Council local plan policy DM28. It would be helpful to provide more information in the strategy about the requirements of DM28.	Amend reference to Norwich City Council planning policy DM28 in Appendix 2 to refer to the policy more fully, by adding: "Development proposals with a frontage to the river Wensum which includes the route of the Riverside Walk will be required to make provision for the relevant section of the walk as part of the overall design of the development. Where development adjoins a navigable section of river opportunities should be taken to provide residential and/or commercial moorings, to facilitate access by water where appropriate and reasonably practicable to achieve."	PC13

	Other	71	Other cities use their water environments to greatly improve leisure, environment and economy e.g. the canals at Brindley Place, Birmingham - Norwich would greatly benefit from more activity on the river.	Individual	Noted. The Strategy aims to create more activity on the river.	No change.	
	Other	72	Housing development should achieve a fair proportion of social housing .	Cllr Grahame	This is outside the scope of this strategy and is addressed by adopted planning policy.	No change	
WALKING AND CYCLING ACCESS							
	Completing the Riverside Walk: Duke's Bridge to St George's Bridge	73	General support for completing the riverside walk, particularly for addressing connectivity between Duke's Palace Bridge to St George's Bridge.	Green Party; Lanpro; private individuals	Noted	No change	
	Duke's Bridge to St George's Bridge	74	Encourage removal of wooden fence between Playhouse bar and the river.	Individual	Noted	No change	
	Fye Bridge to Whitefriars Bridge	75	The consultation responses highlight a number of concerns about the proposal to complete the riverside walk between Fye Bridge and Whitefriars (action plan project A2), primarily from the residents of St Edmund's Wharf and Old Miller's Wharf. Residents are concerned that completion of this stretch of riverside walk will have negative impacts in terms of reduction in privacy, anti-social behaviour, and health and safety.	Individuals including around 25 local residents of St Edmunds Wharf and Old Miller Wharf. Also St Edmunds Wharf Management Company.	The city council has a long-standing ambition to deliver a publicly accessible riverside walk on both sides of the river which has delivered over 11 km of walkway to date. The stretch between Fye Bridge and Whitefriars already has some sections of riverside walk in place and a recent planning consent now includes provision of land for a riverside walk at the end of Hansard Lane. The principle of completing the link between Fye Bridge and Whitefriars will remain a proposal in the local plan and in this strategy. It is also supported in principle by the Greater Norwich Growth Board and appears in its Greater Norwich Investment Plan. However, given the concerns raised through the strategy consultation it is proposed to remove this project from the action plan to allow for detailed investigation of feasibility and deliverability, including the need for ongoing maintenance and management, to inform options for delivery of new riverside walk in this location. Although completion of this section of walkway is considered an important objective in the longer term, there is an existing riverside walk on the south bank of the river at Quayside which provides a good quality alternative route. Also the strategy's priority in relation to missing links is the proposal to provide new riverside walk between Duke Palace Bridge and St George's Street Bridge where there is no direct access to the river on either bank, the lack of which currently compromises the opportunities of the riverside walk to fully realise its potential benefits.	Remove map 4 as this is no longer an action plan project. Revise paragraph 4.6 by replacing the third sentence with: " The completion of missing stretches of Riverside Walk from New Mills to Trowse Swing Bridge is therefore a key objective of the strategy reflected in policy 2, and with the priority being completion of the 'missing link' in the vicinity of the Playhouse which is considered to be deliverable within the strategy period. Completion of the Fye Bridge to Whitefriars Bridge missing link is highlighted as a longer term aspiration. The missing section of Riverside Walk upstream of New Mills.....". Include new text in paragraph 4.10 following the first sentence, and amend part of third sentence, to read: "This link is considered to be capable of implementation in the longer term dependent on detailed investigation of feasibility and deliverability. Once delivered this project will unlock the remaining section between ..."	PC14
	Carrow Bridge to Whittingham	76	Support for improved connectivity from Carrow Bridge to Whittingham, recognising that it would form a safe cycling route avoiding traffic, fumes and hills.	Several individuals	A bridge linking to Whittingham Country Park is a long-term ambition of several of the Partners and the intention is that this will be explored as development opportunities arise.	No change	
	Sweet Briar Road Bridge to Hellesdon Bridge	77	Several respondents feel that the emphasis on the riverside walk appears to be focused within the city centre and more effort could be focused upstream of New Mills. A number of responses recognised the value in improving access from Sweet Briar Road to Hellesdon Bridge, with a need to integrate any improvements with the existing walking and cycling network e.g. at the Guardian Road roundabout.	Friends of Marl Pit; Private individuals	Noted: An audit of the Riverside Walk from Hellesdon Mill to Carrow Bridge was completed in 2016 and has been used in developing the River Wensum Strategy. It identifies a number of areas where access could be improved upstream of New Mills - these are noted in Appendix 3. Changes are proposed to paragraph 4.16 and Appendix 3 in relation to enhancement of riverside walk between Sweet Briar Road and Hellesdon Bridge, and to paragraph 4.22 in relation to future potential access projects.	Include new final sentence of paragraph 4.16 : "This project is included in the list of possible future action plan projects in Appendix 3." Add new bullet point in Appendix 3 under Walking and Cycling Access: "Creation of a new section of riverside Walk between Sweet Briar Road and the public open space adjacent to The Gatehouse Public House on Hellesdon Road, to provide access to the river."	PC15
	Accessibility improvements: Infrastructure	78	There is general support for improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and those with disabilities with a number of respondents providing specific locations where improvements will be beneficial - see below. Several responses note the lack of physical space in some areas to permit cycling and the potential conflicts between cycling and walking. Improvements for land-based recreation should complement water-based recreation.	Private individuals, Norwich Green Party, Broads Society; Norwich Cycling Campaign	Noted.	No change	
	Accessibility improvements: Infrastructure	79	Proposal to restore derelict riverbank path to Dolphin Bridge in Train Wood.	Friends of Train Wood and Marriott's Way.	Noted. Improvements to existing riverside walk in this location is already proposed as a project in Appendix 3 ('Improvements to an existing circular walk between the Marriott's Way and Riverside Walk at Train Wood'). This potential project requires feasibility investigation and identification of funding.	No change	
	Accessibility improvements: Infrastructure	80	Proposal for improved access to river from Dereham Road, to east of Sweetbriar roundabout.	Individuals	Noted. Improved access to the river in this location is already proposed in a project listed in Appendix 3 (Creation of new circular route to enable access to Wensum Valley Local Nature Reserve at Mile Cross Marsh and Sycamore Crescent, and Sweetbriar Road Meadows). This potential project requires feasibility investigation and identification of funding.	No change	

	Accessibility improvements: Infrastructure	81	Proposal to improve riverside walk on the north side of the river between Dolphin Bridge and Oak Street, including the section between Wensum Park and Dolphin Bridge	Individual	Noted. Improved access to the river in this location is already proposed in several projects listed in Appendix 3 which aim to provide continuously accessible riverside walk between Oak Street and Dolphin Bridge: Access improvements to Wensum Park; Surface Enhancements between Dolphin Dyke and Bootbinders Road; and Improvements to existing circular walk between Marriott's Way and Train Wood. These potential projects require feasibility investigation and identification of funding.	No change	
	Accessibility improvements: Infrastructure	82	There is a significant opportunity to improve the riverside walk linking Hellesdon Road and Marriott's Way which would provide safe and scenic access to the river and Marriott's Way and should be included in the action plan.	Friends of Marlpit Paddocks	Noted. Improved access to the between Hellesdon Road and Marriott's Way is proposed in Appendix 3 (Improvements to the surface and route of the Riverside Walk in the vicinity of Hellesdon Road with potential to link to Marriott's Way). These potential project require feasibility investigation and identification of funding.	No change	
	Accessibility improvements: Infrastructure	83	Opportunities are presented for access improvements in a number of areas including improving connectivity to and from the river bank in Train Wood, Wensum Park, Marlpit Paddocks and around Dolphin Bridge. Community groups expressed a view to work with partners on suitable projects. For example friends of the Marlpit would welcome the chance to work with the partnership to put forward a bid to improve the meadow and neighbouring riverside path, and Friends of Train Wood and Marriott's Way wish to be involved in the Barn Road project improvements action plan project.	Private individuals; Friends of Train Wood & Marriott's Way; Friends of Marlpit Paddocks	Noted. Relevant community groups will be consulted on projects as they are progressed.	No change	
	Accessibility improvements: Signage improvements	84	Generally improved signage is supported, both for the Riverside Walk itself and for signage to and from businesses and visitor attractions/facilities. There are responses noting that inappropriate signage and infrastructure could be visually detrimental, and that the 'countryside feel' of the walk upstream of Barn Road is a pleasant contrast to the more urban parts of the riverside walk.	Norwich Society, Norwich BID, Norwich Green Party; private individuals	The action plan seeks to provide a coherent strategy for signing the riverside walk and the destinations to and from it. Whether this be through waymarking or wayfinding methods, the Partnership recognises that signage currently varies in design and condition along the route. The Partnership wish the route to have its own identity but agree that any associated signing needs to be appropriate and in keeping with the environment, and takes account of any wider signage improvements. Action plan project A2 aims to improve accessibility including signage improvements.	No change	
	Accessibility improvements: Connectivity improvements	85	Connecting the Riverside Walk with the Marriott's Way is supported, including support for an improved crossing of Barn Road and better signposting to Marriotts Way.	Private individuals	Noted. The crossing of Barn Road is being considered by the Inner Ring Road Study due to be published in 2018. The findings of that study will be used to inform any projects or actions in this location.	No change	
	Accessibility improvements: Connectivity improvements	86	The value of connecting the Wensum with the Norwich stretch of the Yare (towards Bawburgh) is suggested. Much of the Yare Valley Walk already exists and linking the Walk with the Wensum walking route could be a long-term aim with increased recreational opportunities in the City Centre and the more rural aspects of the Yare Valley Corridor.	Yare Valley Society	Noted. However this is outside the scope of the RWS. The value of increased connectivity between the two river valleys is recognised in the Greater Norwich Green Infrastructure Strategy (2009) and in the Greater Norwich Investment Plan.	No change	
	Other	87	What does the phrase 'green infrastructure imply - a few more trees or serious environmental standards?	Individual	A definition of the term 'green infrastructure' is set out in the glossary at Appendix 4.	No change	
WATERWAYS ACCESS							
	Angling	88	All proposed uses of the river are good but please ensure anglers are not squeezed out as implementation gets underway.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Angling	89	Improved access for other river users should not be at the loss to those who already have access. Although anglers are welcomed, they should be permitted only on paths that are wide enough to accommodate other users of the path as well as them and their equipment.	Individual, Cllr Grahame, Norwich Green Party	Noted. The RWS, alongside the EA and BASG have identified stretches of river bank along the Wensum where anglers can safely be accommodated without causing obstruction to pedestrians.	No change	
	Angling	90	Increase information and plans about angling facilities. No actual platforms/projects/plans identified no information about Wensum and angling in past or future (5.27).	Friends of Train Wood	Noted. Working alongside the EA and BASG, the RWS Partnership has identified stretches of river bank along both banks of the Wensum where angling could take place without causing disruption to pedestrians or other users (see Map 11). The RWSP, EA and BASG will work to identify appropriate specific locations for angling events.	No change	
	Angling	91	Some concerns about anti-social behaviour associated with angling in some areas, including noise and litter, and need for anglers to consider pedestrians when casting. Improved angling access should not be allowed 24/7 in built up areas of the walkway. Need for toilets and parking near to areas designated for angling.	Individual	Noted. However there is right to fish in tidal waters from banks if no trespass occurs. Anti-social behaviour is a police matter and should be reported accordingly however the public authorities in practice liaise with the police to notify them of problems.	No change	

	Angling	92	<p>Angling in the city reaches fish is more prolific during the period October to March, when fish migrate to their winter habitat. However the strategy should recognise the need to provide the public with opportunities to enjoy angling on the river throughout the river season. Clearly navigational access during the summer months, is of importance. Our policy is one of allowing the pleasure anglers access during the summer months, but from October to March we would like to support the provision of organised competitions within the city reaches. This could be in the form of formal festivals, or a more regular winter league structure.</p> <p>Priority areas: Norwich Yacht Station - Good existing access and disabled access, agreement of use of existing toilets, agreement of suitable car parking provision, implementation of the fishery passport to manage access Riverside - Toilet provision to be explored, Seek agreement for car parking, Implementation of the fishery passport to manage access Train Wood - angling provision as part of wider reinstatement.</p>	Broads Angling Strategy Group	The RWSP has worked alongside the EA and BASG to identify stretches of river bank along the Wensum where angling can take place (see Map 11). The Partnership will also work with BASG to identify areas where organised events could take place. The use of existing toilet facilities and any agreement over car parking provision would be subject to negotiation with landowners.	No change
	Angling	93	The fish stock is improving and it would be nice to see more competition down the river	Individual	Noted.	No change
	Business opportunities / involvement	94	Important to encourage leisure activities such as canoeing, boat hire, and punting. This could be developed alongside the opening of cafes, restaurants and bike hire facilities. Swimming should also be encouraged at accessible locations on the river such as Wensum Park or Anderson's Meadow.	Individual	Noted. The RWSP is keen to see improvements upstream of New Mills and will be exploring the feasibility of projects at Andersons Meadow and Wensum Park. The BA would not support swimming in the Broads navigation Area (ie downstream of New Mills). There may be opportunities upstream subject to access, safety and viability considerations.	No change
	Business opportunities / involvement	95	Encourage young entrepreneurs and Pop-Up businesses to run kayak hire sites and associated businesses eg water gear shops and cafes. Proposal for pop-up cafe at Petches Corner; could also reinstate wherry mast and provide a launch ramp for river access. Make the river attractive to tour boats which are environmentally friendly way for many visitors to see broads	Individuals	Noted. The RWSP is keen to see opportunities provided for business development - see policy 9.	No change
	Business opportunities / involvement	96	Bring back a Norwich boat cruise and tour/taxi.	Individual	Noted	No change
	Business opportunities / involvement	97	Glavenhill Strategic Land (GLS) supports the core aims as outlined in the River Wensum Strategy; i.e. greater use of the river as an important asset; and using the river to give the City a competitive economic advantage. My clients would seek the inclusion of their Port of Norwich (PoN) proposals into the partnership working; waterways access; and long-term opportunities sections of the emerging River Wensum Strategy document. The PoN economic proposals seek to use the redundant port and turning basin area and the existing quay headings between Foundary Bridge and Carrow Bridge to deliver a new floating high-tech business district in the heart of Norwich. In short the PoN would use the river Wensum corridor to give Norfolk and Norwich an real global economic advantage. .	Lanpro on behalf of Glavenhill Strategic Land.	<p>The proposal from Glavenhill Strategic Land to use an area of the River Wensum for a floating high-tech business district will need careful consideration with regards to its feasibility and delivery in regards of planning and navigation.</p> <p>We would advise that the agents submit a pre-application to the Broads Authority planning department at their earliest opportunity. Early consultation on proposals of this nature allows planning officers to offer detailed advice on both the principle and design of the scheme before any proposals are taken forward in a formal application.</p>	No change
	Business opportunities / involvement	98	Between Carrow Bridge and Foundry Bridge there is much opportunity to bring businesses (new build site near turning circle and the pieces a land to be developed near Ferry Boat / warehouse) along the river front - especially on the King Street side.	Individual	Noted	No change
	Business opportunities / involvement	99	Need for parking & club houses for river activities. How will existing businesses and organisations be involved in plans?	Individual	Noted. Involvement of stakeholders will be discussed by delivery body. The strategy already stresses importance of liaison with the business community including Norwich BID.	No change
	Canoeing infrastructure	100	Thought should be given to canoe storage facilities. Perhaps a scheme encouraging residents/businesses with river access to rent out their space to others?	Individual	Noted	No change
	Canoeing Infrastructure / Enhanced waterways infrastructure	101	<p>Sport England supports the proposal to provide new river infrastructure, to encourage greater recreational use of the River Wensum. This policy should apply to both formal use of the river for water recreation and sports, and greater access to the riverside for informal recreation such as walking and cycling.</p> <p>Sport England strongly supports the proposal to enhance opportunities for canoeing on the river, through improvements to the river infrastructure. We support the proposed action to install canoe access points upstream and downstream of New Mills, and Sport England are pleased to see that the Broads Authority have worked closely with British Canoeing to identify new opportunities. We support the proposal to investigate additional opportunities for improving canoeing facilities on the river.</p>	Sport England	Noted	No change

	Canoeing infrastructure	102	Support for canoe access at New Mills Yard. Additional mooring spaces with access for canoists to get in and out of canoes will be very useful and will facilitate greater use of the river. Need for appropriate signage, requesting anglers keep clear to allow access. Look to provide an access point by Adam & Eve pub/ allowing use of the adj. public car park.	Several individuals	Noted. The RWS Partnership is keen to improve access at New Mills and a project is in place to cover this. There is already a canoe trail that covers the BA navigation area in Norwich but there is opportunity to extend this upstream of New Mills where the RWSP will seek to identify additional launch sites as the project proceeds.	No change	
	Canoeing infrastructure	103	We support the provision of improved access around New Mills, however the upstream pontoon proposed is not in the best location.	Eagle Canoe Club	Noted. The plan is indicative however it is agreed that the plan should be updated to show the correct location. RWS Partnership will discuss this project with the Eagle Canoe Club.	Amend map 10 to show correct location of upstream canoe portage point.	PC16
	Canoeing infrastructure	104	Need for canoe access points upstream of New Mills Yards, including close to Marlpit Paddocks. The New Mills canoe portage action plan project to increase connectivity is to be praised but does not increase access upstream. Need to include developments upstream of New Mills Yard for non-powered low impact river access. This would help deliver the strategy by, for example, promoting recreational paddling and providing business opportunities for canoe hire. Add reference to potential canoe provision at Marlpit meadow site in paragraph 5.14. A canoe facility in this location would satisfy the requirements set out in paragraph 5.12 sites including proximity to car parking, existing bank structure and height above mean low water level etc.	Several individuals, Friends of Marlpit Paddocks, Friends of Train Wood & Marriott's Way	Noted. Specific opportunities for canoe access upstream of New Mills, including in the Marlpit / Hellesdon Mill area, will be explored as proposed by the change to the Action Plan (PC12). The project design process will identify appropriate designs for new infrastructure. A change is proposed to the strategy to reference the provision of canoe access near Hellesdon Mill, and also to Appendix 3. This proposal will be subject to assessment as set out in proposed change PC12.	Amend paragraph 5.14 is changed to read "... enhancing provision upstream of New Mills, including at Wensum Park, Andersons Meadow and near Hellesdon Mill." Add new potential future action plan projects to Appendix 3 under 'Waterways Management, access and leisure': 'Provision of canoe access close to Marlpit Paddocks'.	PC17
	Enhanced waterways infrastructure	105	Any redesign of the slipway at Friar's Quay should be agreed in consultation with the original architect for Friars Quay who designed the slipway as an integral part of the Friars Quay development. The proposed use of sheet piling is worrying unless ultimately disguised. It is important that improvements of Friars Quay slipway are accompanied by management of space in front of slipway which is used for turnaround and Fire Service. It is also directly under several homes, so excessive noise, etc. should be avoided. Unauthorised parking in this space should be reduced/monitored.	Individual	Noted. Detail design work for the slipway improvement has yet to be carried out, but this will be done in a sympathetic manner. The management regime will include advice on parking.	No change	
	Enhanced waterways infrastructure	106	Support for the vision of using the waterway to increase leisure and access, but this should not be at the cost of local residents and businesses. Support for non polluting leisure facilities on the river and visitor moorings, but do not support permanent house boats and pursuits which cause noise and general pollution.	Individual	Noted	No change	
	Enhanced waterways infrastructure	107	Include developments upstream of New Mills Yard for non-powered low impact river access; action plan projects are at city centre based. Proposals for canoe portage at Wensum Park and Andersons Meadow should be in the action plan. There is not enough priority given in this strategy to low impact, low carbon boating.	Individuals, and Friends of Train Wood	Noted. The RWS Partnership agrees that there needs to be identification of projects that will improve access upstream of New Mills, and proposes to add these suggestions to appendix 3. All such proposals added to the appendix will be assessed in line with proposed change PC12.	Add new potential future action plan projects to Appendix 3 under 'Waterways Management, access and leisure': 'Provision of canoe access at Wensum Park and Anderson's Meadow'.	PC18
	Enhanced waterways infrastructure	108	The Strategy should investigate funding for a temporary dedicated link such as a hand cranked chain ferry between temporary pontoons (Link to Whitlingham).	Individual	Noted	No change	
	Enhanced waterways infrastructure	109	Proposal to reintroduce a small, pedestrian ferry across the Wensum at the site of Pull's Ferry.	Individual	Noted. This project will be assessed against a set of evaluation criteria in line proposed change PC12, and added into Appendix 3.	Add new potential future action plan projects to Appendix 3 under 'Waterways Management, access and leisure': 'Investigate proposal to reintroduce a small, pedestrian ferry across the Wensum at the site of Pull's Ferry.'	PC19
	Enhanced waterways infrastructure	110	Support for more pontoons and moorings which will encourage greater use of river. A cycle/pedestrian bridge at Wensum Park will greatly encourage access to the West bank of the river (of which abutments already exist). Focus on delivering a bridge to access Whitlingham Country Park. Linking the Riverside Path at the Playhouse will be very welcome.	Individual	Noted	No change	
	Enhanced waterways infrastructure	111	We very much support the plan to provide canoe launch and portage points, and are pleased to see this included as a concrete proposal in the action plan. We are pleased that new moorings are proposed. We support residential moorings in principle, though these need to be considered on a case-by-case basis to ensure they are appropriate to the location.	Norwich Green Party	Noted	No change	
	Enhanced waterways infrastructure	112	HE is supportive of proposals to improve the Friar's Walk slipway, the facilities at the Yacht Station, and the various additional moorings proposed along the length of the river. However designs should have regard to any sensitive elements of the historic environment in their vicinity, including the possibility of waterlogged archaeological deposits.	Historic England	Enhancement or development of any structures within the navigable channel will have to go through the planning process and therefore be subject to consultation to ensure all sensitive elements are considered.	No change	

	Enhanced waterways infrastructure	113	The new moorings proposed in the plan should be welcomed but will need to be actively managed. We have been in talks with NPS and planned to establish a new river tour service from the Riverside Pontoon starting in April 2017 but have not been able to negotiate use of the pontoon. There are not enough suitable points for viable river taxi service at the moment. More pontoons in strategic locations based around a walking map would be needed to ensure a successful river taxi service. Link to Whittingham park: a ferry was recently funded between Thorpe and Whittingham but this has since folded. This seems to indicate that any such venture in the future will need to be integrated with other schemes on the river and will need public support to establish and possibly maintain. We have shown an interest in operating self drive boats from Riverside. On enquiry we have found a power supply and charging points are not currently available. We would consider the operation of small engine powered boats in the interim.	Individual / business		Noted. The RWSP is keen to see small electric modern hire-boats, and river taxi services operating in the city however feasibility work will need to be carried out on design and funding for facilities of such an operation.	No change	
	Enhanced waterways infrastructure	114	Need to ensure that Trowse swing bridge is operational, and to work with Network Rail on this. This would enable access by bigger boats for river festivals, trip boats and perhaps commercial use again in the future.	Individual		Noted. Trowse Swing Bridge is currently operational and large boats can book a bridge swing if notice is given. The BA is in negotiation with Network Rail regarding the ongoing maintenance of the bridge.	No change	
	Enhanced waterways infrastructure	115	Enhanced public access and opportunities to enjoy the river should form part of the evaluation criteria for project works. It should also be recognised that enhanced access can place extra pressure on the ecosystem, so this will need to be managed by the responsible bodies to ensure that this is understood and managed where appropriate. The river is designated under the Water Framework Directive as heavily modified for navigation and recreational use. Opportunities for enhanced recreation should be sought which are appropriate for such a section of water. Any plans or projects will need to consider the potential impacts on environmental quality and should be designed so as to minimise impacts and enhance the natural environment of the river corridor. Early discussion regarding projects between all interested organisations with a permitting responsibility is to be encouraged so as to ensure each project delivers the best outcomes for all users and does not pose any risks (for example increased flood risk). Map 12 is a good example of a tool to allow these early discussions where areas of particular interest have been identified.	Environment Agency		Noted. Project evaluation criteria will include enhanced public access to the river, and potential impacts on environmental quality.	No change	
	Events and trails	116	Support for a river festival, and also for other events around canoeing, angling and family fun-days. Could also link to events at Norwich Castle or Whittingham. It would be great if something quite unique was developed.....like the Hull fish trail or sensory art installations.	Individuals, and Norwich Playhouse		Noted	No change	
		117	Potential to introduce hosts and run organised educational walking parties.	Individual		Noted	No change	
	Events and trails	118	Sport England supports the proposal to use/promote the River Wensum as a venue for events and trails. Not only will this boost the local economy, but it will also raise awareness of the opportunities for year long use of the river for formal and informal sport and recreation.	Sport England		Noted	No change	
	Events and trails	119	In common with other Norwich BID feedback, VisitNorwich welcomes the draft strategy and broadly supports the objectives and proposals. A significant increase in use of the river for leisure purposes, including as a driver for tourism, will only result from tangible infrastructural and event based changes consistent with much of what is proposed. The river is marketed at present; the river and the leisure and social activities that take place on and around it are regular features of content communicated through the marketing channels VisitNorwich owns (websites, social media, etc). Proposals Norwich BID have communicated for a River of Light event, (additional, or as an alternative to a River Festival) present an extraordinary opportunity to contribute to the positive changes which the strategy aspires to. The measurable outcomes of light based attractions in Norwich, including during Christmas 2016, the Tunnel of Light and projections on Norwich Castle and City Hall, and the successes of River of Light type events in the Netherlands, Sweden and Canada provide very clear evidence that execution of such an event on the Wensum would positively contribute to aims defined in the strategy. Norwich BID would create significant added value for the city if it were to progress this destination management initiative.	Norwich BID / Visit Norwich		Noted. The RWS Group is keen to promote events connected to the river and is supportive in principle of Norwich BID's River of Light proposal. Accept comment about current marketing of river - amend strategy accordingly.	Amend paragraph 5.36, first sentence to read: 'Although Norwich has a thriving tourist industry and is a popular short stay destination, there is great potential to maximise the tourism and leisure opportunities offered by the River Wensum.'	PC20

	Moorings	120	We urge that greater attention is paid to making the Yacht Station a more attractive destination especially for day visitors, including considering changing its name. At the moment, its name implies that it is specifically for yachts and can give the impression that it is a private club; the appearance is also somewhat bleak and not obviously welcoming to day visitors. We welcome the intention to increase the number of visiting boats but suggest that this will bring with it a requirement for more public toilets.	Norwich Society	Noted. The Yacht Station is currently leased to the Broads Authority from Norwich City Council. It operates as a tourist information centre along with offering toilet and shower facilities to boat users. The implication that boat users may feel excluded due to the name needs investigation as the moorings at Norwich Yacht Station are always full of boats once the new season begins.	No change	
	Moorings	121	New safe and accessible visitor moorings are definitely needed; the closer to the City Centre the better. Suggestions include at the old quay area and further along near St. George's and rear of Westwick Street.	Individuals	Noted. The RWSP is keen to see safer and accessible moorings and seeks to identify sites that will not restrict navigation access.	No change	
	Moorings	122	Proposed moorings is at Quayside opposite Millers Wharf/st Edmunds wharf: some support for the proposed moorings but concern at the potential for noise generation and anti-social behaviour in this location. Suggestion that this should be relocated to the Jarrolds building and the Adam and Eve pub where there are no homes or residents who will be disturbed by the noise.	Individuals, including from St Edmund's Wharf and Old Miller's Wharf developments	Noted. However there are significant constraints on mooring downstream of Whitefriar's Bridge due to the height of piling, bank design and proximity to the Jarrolds Bridge and better access to facilities, visitor destination points and shops further upstream. The RWS Partnership considers that properly managed moorings will reduce the likelihood of the living conditions of local residents being adversely affected by unauthorised mooring. The precise management arrangements for the proposed moorings identified in the strategy have yet to be determined. It is outside the remit of the RWS to manage anti-social behaviour as this is a police matter, however the public authorities liaise with the police to notify them of problems.	No change	
		123	Need a balanced approach to Quayside. It has a sloping bank which is dangerous to people mooring but there are likely to be benefits from greater activity.	Cllr Grahame	Noted	No change	
	Moorings	124	Providing de-masting pontoons at bridges does not seem a high priority when the Wensum in the city is difficult/less suitable for sailing & few craft would repeatedly de-mast/mast at each bridge.	Individual	Noted	No change	
	Moorings	125	We are pleased that new moorings are proposed. We support residential moorings in principle, though these need to be considered on a case-by-case basis to ensure they are appropriate to the location. More stakeholders willing to pay reasonable residential mooring fees would assist with this envisioned improvement to one of the city's major assets. Birmingham, Manchester and London are examples of good practice elsewhere.	Individuals	Noted. Sites for residential moorings have to be considered in accordance with the relevant planning policies of the planning authorities in the area and the right of navigation on the river.	No change	
	Moorings	126	Various points raised by Quayside residents. 1. Clarification needed about meaning of the term short term moorings. 2. Who will monitor, control and enforce such mooring regulations? We would like to see just one single body have the authority to move boats on promptly where the permitted time has been exceeded. 3. How frequently will moorings be monitored and will this be throughout the year? Our thoughts are that a minimum of weekly monitoring will be required. 4. Very importantly is the monitoring of anti-social behaviour, especially that arising from the excessive consumption of alcohol on boats. We foresee that residents in our area (Quayside) are likely to be subjected to an increase in litter and detritus if consumption of alcohol on boats is not effectively controlled. 5. At present, 'no mooring' signs situated on the river wall at Quayside are not effective and are frequently ignored by boat owners, sometimes for excessive periods of time.	Individuals (Quayside residents)	Noted. Short stay visitor moorings are regulated so that the length of time boats can moor is restricted (see glossary in Appendix 4). The RWSP considers that properly designed and managed moorings will reduce the likelihood of the living conditions of local residents being adversely affected by unauthorised mooring. If moorings are run as BA moorings, they will be regularly monitored by BA Rangers. The management regime applied to individual sites has yet to be decided on but overstaying will be managed. Management of anti-social behaviour is outside the remit of the River Wensum Strategy. However, the the public authorities liaise with the Police to notify them of problems.	No change	
	Moorings	127	Visitor moorings can be problematic as there are already regular illegal moorings and it is difficult to move people on. The moorings also need support services. like lavatories/pump discharge. The same goes for house boats described as 'cheap housing' house boats aren't cheap and need support services	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Moorings	128	The residents have not been consulted on this strategy . The number of proposed moorings and their precise locations is not set out in the document and we had different responses about this at the meeting/consultation. We would require additional input (as residents and neighbouring communities) on a more detailed plan. Concern at possible ASB. What access arrangements are planned? Overall comment: we would need to see more detailed plans to give our agreement.	Quayside resident	Not accepted. Residents have been consulted on the draft strategy proposals. This included a public exhibition and an 8 week consultation period. The draft strategy sets out proposed moorings locations. The BA's normal practice is to contact relevant local residents and businesses about detailed proposals for new river infrastructure, such as moorings, prior to installation.	No change	

	Other	129	NATIONAL BARGEE TRAVELLERS ASSOCIATION Various comments regarding the fact that the draft strategy does not identify sites for permanent moorings for bargee travellers, compliance of the Strategy with the Equalities Act and Human Rights Act and requirements of other legislation particularly with regard to unauthorised trespass mooring.	National Bargee Travellers Association	The housing needs of boat dwellers are outside the scope of the RWS as this is dealt with through the housing and planning system. Norwich City Council working with other Norfolk authorities has undertaken an assessment of the needs of boat dwellers and the Broads Authority has adopted a needs-based policy and allocated sites for residential moorings in its draft local plan. An equalities impact assessment was also carried out during the local plan process see http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/1020475/Assessment-of-resi-moorings-nominations-update-and-topic-paper-July-2017.pdf Any proposals to deal with unauthorised trespass mooring would be dealt with on a case by case basis.	No change	
	Other	130	Agree in general, but there is no mention of swimming. Some adults and children swim informally upstream of New Mills, and it would be great if this could be accommodated with a small 'beach' and a bit of dredging. I'm sure there'll be objections but I live in hope.	Individual	Noted. Swimming opportunities may be explored in the longer term as stated in paragraph 7.10, in relation to Wensum Park. Swimming is not promoted in the Broads Navigation area (which ends at New Mills) but the RWS would support a risk assessment to assess the viability of improving swimming opportunities upstream of New Mills.	No change	
	River management & maintenance	131	The steep sided walls of the river banks within the city centre & residential area are a flood prevention measure. Care must be taken to ensure that properties are not put at risk by the needs of boats.	Individual	No works undertaken by RWS partners will compromise flood defences.	No change	
	River management & maintenance	132	Dredging the river is essential if boat traffic is to be encouraged.	Individual	Noted. The BA has a Sediment Management Strategy that includes the river in Norwich. It carries out hydrographic surveys and programmes dredging to ensure the river is available for navigation. A hydrographic survey for dredging is proposed under Action Plan project W8.	No change	
	River management & maintenance	133	Such enhancements need careful control and monitoring so as not to disturb or destroy wildlife habitats. e.g. more access for canoes, rowing boats etc, may have little impact, improved facilities for motor craft may be more damaging. Any increase in angling needs to be very strictly licensed and accompanied by bans on lead weights, discarding of line and other tackle by or into the river. Litter produced by more users, especially during a 'river festival' could be a major environmental hazard, as could a potential increase in fly tipping resulting from increased easier access.	Individuals	Noted. The Project design process and planning requirements will ensure that minimal disturbance to wildlife or biodiversity will take place. There is a right to fish from tidal waters if anglers hold a valid Environment Agency Rod Licence.	No change	
	River management & maintenance	134	A major opportunity has been missed to expand a boating culture in the centre of the city. The river could have been widened or a marina introduced as part of St Anne's.	Individual	Noted	No change	
	River management & maintenance	135	The existing yacht station has poor security. Were it to be on the opposite bank then it would be much improved. Alternatively it could be on floating pontoons on the West Bank opposite riverside in the basin. Several people have tried to run river taxis or ferries and have failed - they are too slow to represent a practical alternative to the bus.		There is no scope for using the opposite bank from the Yacht Station due to the poor condition of the riverbank and the lack of facilities. Also the riverside walk is locked every night and anyone moored this side would not have access to facilities or businesses. Installation of pontoons opposite riverside would also not be a viable option as it would reduce the navigable width of the river to an unacceptable extent. The BA bylaws are considered appropriate for reasons of safety and we do not accept that faster river taxi's would improve business opportunities.	No change	
ENVIRONMENT							
	General	136	It was suggested that the category 'protection' be added to the strategy. Flooding caused by less dredging and maintenance of the Wensum was noted; it was suggested the Environment Agency should dedicate a budget to dredging.	NCC EDT (Norfolk County Council Environment, Development and Transport committee)	Noted. The strategy does refer to environmental protection issues in the Environment chapter, including water quality, biodiversity and habitat, and flood risk reduction. The Broads Authority is responsible for dredging of the river. The action plan includes a proposal (W8) for a hydrographic survey of the river to assess current dredging requirements and to carry out a dredging operation to ensure compliance with the BA's Sediment Management Strategy.	No change	
	Water quality (inc FOG project)	137	N/A	N/A	Update required to reflect change to project arrangements.	Amend final sentence of paragraph 6.12 to say: "The project will be delivered by the Environment Agency, anticipated in 2018/19." Amend action plan accordingly.	PC21
	Water quality (inc FOG project)	138	Address contamination in River Wensum before encouraging greater use of the river for leisure purposes.	Individual	Noted.	No change	

	Biodiversity & habitat generally	139	Lack of inspiration and ambition. Strategy should be aspirational and set a clear direction that will promote ideas and attract funding. This is lacking with the few small projects proposed downstream of New Mills. Suggested that sheet piling be changed to environmentally softer options through the city.	Ward Councillor and Norwich Green Party; Friends of Train Wood, Norfolk Wildlife Trust	The strategy is both aspirational and ambitious, given the resources available. The action plan projects are intended to kick-start the regeneration of the river corridor, while the strategy as a whole looks forward for a 10 year period. The action plan is intended as a starting point and will be updated over time to include additional projects suggested through the consultation (subject to assessment- see PC12). The softening of hard edge engineering may be considered where appropriate and unlikely to impact on current use.	Insert section in to document at end of paragraph 6.19: "These projects will be assessed against a set of criteria for inclusion in the action plan (see paragraphs 8.3-8.5). The action plan is intended to be a living document to be updated over time with input from relevant stakeholders." Amend final sentence of paragraph 6.18 to read: "It is anticipated that the Biodiversity Enhancement and Non-Native Species Management Plan will be developed in partnership with appropriate organisations and conservation bodies."	PC22
	Biodiversity & habitat generally	140	Biodiversity should be recognised in the key objectives of section 2.4. This and/or the environment should be mentioned in the vision itself. It is important to have a wildlife champion on the project board.	Norwich Green Party; Cllr Grahame	The strategy is clear in its ambition to improve the habitat and biodiversity throughout this stretch of the river. Agree that adding biodiversity in to the objectives alongside natural environment is appropriate. It is not proposed to amend the vision in this respect as it is an overarching statement. There is no reason why a wildlife champion such as Norfolk Wildlife Trust could not be part of the strategy implementation in relation to specific projects being delivered.	See proposed change to objective 3 in relation to biodiversity (PC8).	
	Biodiversity & habitat generally	141	Strongly disagree that a full biodiversity programme is not required. There is a risk that this will lead to a lack of holistic approach, ambition and action with respect to environmental protection and enhancement. Much of what makes the Wensum special is the natural environment. .	Ward Councillor and Norwich Green Party	Agree that biodiversity is a key issue for the strategy. The RWSP intends to promote a greater understanding of the opportunities, needs and risk posed to the natural environment of the river. We will do this by developing a biodiversity enhancement plan that will then feed into a revised action plan which can be prioritised. It is intended that funding then be sought for agreed projects by a wider partnership associated with the individual projects. Delivery may be through many means including local support from willing community groups and this will depend on the size, scale and scope of individual projects. We will bring forward the first stage of this work to 2018/19, by working with UEA and Norfolk Wildlife Trust, as we are keen not to miss opportunities to work with engaged stakeholders identified through this consultation.	Amend action plan in section 8 (Implementation) by bringing forward the timescale for project E2 from 2020/21 to 2018/19, and change lead to EA/NWT.	PC23
	Biodiversity & habitat generally	142	Lack of project ideas upstream of New Mills. This is an area to focus on especially for social reasons.	Ward Councillor and Norwich Green Party; Cllr Grahame; NWT; Friends of Marlpit Paddocks; Friends of Train Wood; Cllr Bogelein	Noted. The RWSP welcomes the ideas and offers of support provided by consultees in the areas upstream of New Mills. Many of these are addressed in the walking and cycling and waterways access section of this table. The Partnership will work with relevant consultees during the development of the biodiversity enhancement action plan.	No change	
	Biodiversity & habitat generally	143	Marlpit Paddocks CWS and Train Wood should be added to the list of open spaces in paragraph 6.34. Also need to list other county wildlife sites in paragraph 6.13 (Train Wood, Hellesdon Pastures, Hellesdon Meadows, Deal Ground).	Friends of Marlpit Paddocks; Friends of Train Wood; Norfolk Wildlife Trust	Agree	Amend paragraph 6.14 by adding a sentence to the end: "The river runs adjacent to several designated sites of importance for biodiversity and nature conservation including Marlpit, Hellesdon Meadows and Train Wood County Wildlife Sites, and Andersons Meadow Local Nature Reserve." Amend paragraph 6.35 first sentence to read: " The river also possess several areas that afford quiet and more naturalised spaces, such as along the Marriott's Way approaching Hellesdon Mill, including the Marlpit Paddocks, Anderson's Meadow, Train Wood and around the Cow Tower."	PC24
	Biodiversity & habitat generally	144	The strategy should include safeguards that any future development in the region of the confluence of the Wensum and Yare provides a satisfactory link between the River Wensum and River Yare green infrastructure corridors.	Yare Valley Society	Noted, however this is outside the scope of this strategy. The value of increased connectivity between the two river valleys is recognised in the Greater Norwich Green Infrastructure Strategy (2009) and in the Greater Norwich Investment Plan.	No change	
	Floating veg platforms	145	The floating vegetation platforms will have minimal impact on their own. They need to be linked to develop green corridor. Risk that they will become litter bins	Individual; Cllr Grahame	The planters will be a pilot project. Part of the rationale behind the pilot is to benefit underwater habitat, and provide fish refuge in particular. If the pilot is successful, we will look to extend this as part of the biodiversity enhancement plan to further suitable locations along the river corridor. We will ensure maintenance as part of pilot; use of volunteer support will also be considered.	No change	
	Floating veg platforms	146	How will these impact on boaters?	Individual	They are small scale and placement will be agreed with the BA (the Navigation Authority) to minimise any impacts on navigation.	No change	
	Flood risk reduction inc climate change issues	147	Need to keep minimal flow rate in rivers and consider risk of rising water levels impacting navigation under bridges.	Norwich Society	The Environment Agency licences water abstractions and ensures suitable flow is maintained in rivers to meet ecological needs. Climate change predictions are considered as part of planning flood defences around Broadland.	No change	

	Renewable energy	148	Feasibility for water source heat pumps is already in place. As a minimum there should be a suggestion that future development does not impact on delivery of these options.	Ward Councillor and Norwich Green Party	Noted.	No change	
	Open space & development	149	Open spaces need to be considered carefully as they do attract anti social behaviour if not located, policed and designed correctly.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Open space & development	150	General support for improvements to open spaces in river corridor which can have wellbeing benefits.	Individuals	Noted.	No change	
	Open space & development	151	Modern convention is to refer to scheduled monuments rather than SAMs.	Historic England	Accepted. Amended text proposed.	Amend fifth sentence of paragraph 6.39 to read: "The Devil's Tower on the south bank of the river is a scheduled monument."	PC25
	Open space & development	152	The old ramshackle corrugated iron buildings next to Wensum Lodge are an eyesore. The river needs more upmarket establishments rather than the large unattractive pubs and restaurant chains on Riverside.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Open space & development	153	It would be good to claim back sections of the riverside that have been converted to car parks as this is a waste of the riverside environment and reduces the overall attractiveness and accessibility of the river.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Open space & development	154	Residents want a well managed garden corridor between the pavement and river path, and want railings retained (heritage features as well as safety barriers).	Cllr Grahame	Noted	No change	
	Open space & development	155	It is important to have public and private green space included as part of new development in river corridor rather than opening up sites such as Ber St woodland which is valuable for wildlife.	Norwich Green Party	Noted. Planning policies already require provision of new open space through new development as appropriate (eg Norwich DM policy DM8).	No change	
	Open space & development	156	Need for concerted litter management plan, including education. Hope the delivery board can prioritise this.	Norwich Green Party	Noted. This will be a key focus of the Delivery Board.	No change	
	Open space & development	157	Clarify responsibility for litter collection from the river.	Norwich Green Party	Agreed.	Update Appendix 1 (Roles and Responsibilities) with a new section 'Litter collection' to read: "Norwich City Council collects litter both in the river and on the riverbank. This is undertaken by a monthly boat collection; the boat goes upstream and downstream of New Mills on alternate months so each section of the river gets cleaned six times per annum. The Broads Authority has no specific responsibility for litter collection but in practice they carry out a litter sweep at the beginning of each year and then pick litter up as and when necessary when the rangers are out and about. " Also amend figure 1 (Key areas of responsibility for the river corridor) to include litter collection.	PC26
	Heritage related	158	Priority should be given to refurbishing the Boom Towers (despite their protected status) to show how they would have functioned. Also a counter-view expressed that we should not over-improve heritage features - by trying to make something more attractive and "better" you can end up ruining it.	Individuals	Noted.	No change	
	Heritage related	159	Support for commitment to new open spaces eg Boom Towers proposal - likely to be welcomed by residents.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Heritage related	160	Need for improved access to Cow Tower which is a unique monument of national importance but remains closed to the public with very limited interpretation. Suggestion that Cow Tower could be enhanced to enable it to be used as a viewing platform / tourist attraction.	Individuals	Noted. The feasibility / desirability of access to Cow Tower will need to be explored with Historic England in the first instance. Add to Appendix 3 for assessment in line with proposed change PC12.	Add potential new project to Appendix 3 under 'Waterways management, access and leisure': 'Investigate provision of leisure access to Cow Tower.'	PC27
	Heritage related	161	Enhance neglected route between Zak's and steps that connect to Bishop's Bridge with better surface treatment. Could also potentially an ecological zone including reed beds and areas for fishing.	Individuals	Noted. This route is classed a public highway for walking (there is also a private right of vehicle access associated with the properties to the rear). It has been subject to an audit and is considered suitable as a walking route.	No change	
	Heritage related	162	As well as improving interpretation and possibly access to the already identified heritage assets, there are other elements of heritage which could be highlighted and interpreted - eg the military heritage of the river, particularly in the role it played in Swein 'Forkbeard's' raid of AD1004, as well as Kett's Rebellion which has already been recognised in the project.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Heritage related	163	What is the policy of floodlighting of heritage assets - given that cuts to district council lighting are likely?	Individual	The current approach of the city council is to floodlight key historic landmark buildings, for example Norwich Castle, the Cathedral, and City Hall.	No change	
	Heritage related	164	Carrow Bridge House (opposite Boom Towers) should be preserved as important bit of river history.	Cllr Grahame	Noted. However this is not a listed or locally listed building.	No change	
	Heritage related	165	Include a policy that refers specifically to the historic environment with a focus on seeking opportunities for the preservation and enhancement of heritage assets in the strategy area.	Historic England	Agree that this section of the strategy should include specific reference to the historic environment..	See proposed change PC4	
	Heritage related	166	Include reference to Wensum Lodge as historic asset and community resource. Add Wensum Lodge icon to map of action plan projects. Also make specific reference to the Castle Keep development.	Norfolk County Council Community and Environment Service	Agree that this section of the strategy should include specific reference to the historic environment. Reference to be made within that to key historic buildings including Norwich Castle (and the Castle Keep development) and Wensum Lodge.	See proposed change PC4.	

	Other	167	Encourage and manage environmental improvements; involve the local community in specific initiatives	Individual	Noted. Proposed change to paragraph 3.14 will encourage community participation where appropriate.	See proposed change PC6.	
	Other	168	Need for mechanism to prioritise which projects are taken forward as limited resources may impact on delivery.	Environment Agency	Noted. Proposed projects will be assessed against a standard set of criteria for potential inclusion in the strategy. This process will inform project prioritisation.	See proposed change PC12	
	Other	169	Little acknowledgement of conflicts between environment and other drivers for strategy. Assumes environment will lose as no underpinning biodiversity strategy.	Ward Councillor and Norwich Green Party	Not accepted that the environment will lose out in relation to other strategy drivers. See comments relating to biodiversity enhancement plan /proposed change PC23.	No change	
	Other	170	More emphasis on bringing Wensum catchment learning in to Norwich to educate people about the river and water cycle.	Friends of Train Wood	This is a good idea, but outside of the main focus of this strategy at present. However the RWSP is engaging with local schools and Anglian Water, so this will be a starting point for developing an early understanding of the importance of the river.	No change	
	Other	171	Increasing use of river will not help wildlife	Friars Quay resident	Noted. The strategy intends to balance all needs placed on the river.	No change	
	Other	172	Very little acknowledgement of climate change and potential impacts on flows and flood risk	Norwich Green Party, Norwich Society	Noted. A new paragraph relating to climate change is proposed to be added to the Environment section.	See proposed change PC3.	
	Other	173	Need a tree planting programme	Norwich Green Party; Cllr Grahame	Management of trees along the river is the responsibility of riparian owners. The suggestion to get advice from Woodlands Trust is useful as they may be able to advise a suitable riparian planting regime. We will need to acknowledge potential conflicting interests as we consider this through the biodiversity enhancement plan process. Riparian planting in urban areas delivers more of a biodiversity benefit than a flood risk benefit.	No change	
	Other	174	There should be more information on the river itself, its biology and geography. It is part of a wider system and not a lake in isolation.	Friends of Marlpit Paddocks	This is a strategy document with a focus on delivery, rather than detailed technical information. See appendix 1 for roles and responsibilities: please contact the relevant organisation if you would like more specific information on any aspects of the river itself.	No change	
LONGER TERM OPPORTUNITIES							
	New Mills Pumping Stn	175	General support for proposals to preserve and find new uses for the historic New Mills pumping station. It is a lovely example of industrial architecture and could be the '13th' of the Norwich 12. Original buildings belong to the period of the building of the cathedral; the rebuilding St Peter Mancroft coincided with that of the Mills. It should be a focus for the regenerated river environment. Suggestions include a cafe/restaurant and bike/boat/canoe hire, a working museum and resource for schools. Historic England looks forward to being consulted on proposals.	Individuals and Historic England	Noted. The strategy already sets out a number of potential uses including leisure, café / restaurant, and educational / museum use.	No change	
	New Mills Pumping Stn	176	Development of New Mills could be a good project to improve the ecology of the river and connect the community with its history. The EA would support inclusion of passage for migratory fish to enable them to pass upstream.	Environment Agency	Noted. Propose to add in reference to ecological potential and the need to connect community with the history of NMPS.	Add the following text after third sentence in para 7.4: "There is also potential to enhance the ecology of the river through any redevelopment, which should be explored, potentially including fish passage to enable migratory fish to pass upstream."	PC28
	New Mills Pumping Stn	177	As part of any proposals please ensure improvements for canoeists to portage / launch around it.	Individual	Noted. The strategy already includes a proposal to create canoe portage points upstream and downstream of New Mills (action plan project W3)	No change	
	New Mills Pumping Stn	178	Important to carefully consider noise generation for any New Mills Yard opportunities and the need for appropriate supervision/management. Would not wish to see it generating any more noise than at present.	Individual	Noted. It will be important to consider noise and other amenity impacts of any forthcoming proposals. These will be considered as part of the planning application process in any case. Supervision and management will also be considered but the appropriate approach will be determined by the future uses.	No change	
	New Mills Pumping Stn	179	Need for council to be more proactive as both local authority and owner of the building. The ability of the energy company to progress is dependent upon having a nearby user of generated energy, and the council therefore could play an important role in linking up potential energy users with the New Mills energy company.	Individual	Noted. Discussions with NPS Norwich will continue in relation to future uses for the building and any opportunities in relation to energy generation.	No change	
	Boom Towers / wooded ridge	180	General feeling that Boom Towers are an underappreciated historic asset and should be enhanced. Support for improved access to both the Boom Towers and city wall. The Carrow Wall section of city walls is in pretty good shape and has potential for enhancement.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Boom Towers / wooded ridge	181	Extending the wooded ridge to form a woodland park area would create a very welcome green lung, with the positive effects of trees on biodiversity, the environment generally, and human wellbeing.	Cllr Grahame	Noted. The biodiversity and health/ wellbeing benefits of this proposal should be stressed further.	Add additional text to end of penultimate sentence in paragraph 7.6: '...and with a range of positive benefits for biodiversity and health and wellbeing.'	PC29
	Boom Towers / wooded ridge	182	The "Woodland walk" from Thorn Lane on the ridge towards the Black Tower and City Walls is a mess and uninviting. It needs maintenance, clear-up and better signage. There is potential on this walk for looking to towards the River Wensum valley and Mousehold	Individual	Noted	No change	

	Boom Towers / wooded ridge	183	The Boom Towers are a haven for drug use.	Individual	Noted. Any proposed enhancement scheme should address these concerns in the design where appropriate. The strategy text should also be amended to flag up this issue.	Add new sentence following third sentence of paragraph 7.6, and amend following sentence, to read: 'Constraints also include issues with anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Boom Towers and City Walls which need to be addressed. However the proposal could deliver...'	PC30
	Boom Towers / wooded ridge	184	Concern at the state of Boom Towers and impact of water penetration - they should be rebuilt and roofed. Sections of the city wall need a major rebuild to ensure that we preserve them for the future.	Individual	Noted. The intention of the strategy is not to rebuild these historic assets but to protect and enhance them, so that they can be more fully appreciated by current and future residents and tourists.	No change	
	Boom Towers / wooded ridge	185	Site of former Jolly Malsters pub /open space adjacent to Carrow Bridge could be enhanced to open up views of river .	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Bishop's Bridge to Whitefriars enhancement	186	Cow Tower is a great location for festivals. Promote links to Kett's Rebellion.	Cllr Grahame	Noted	No change	
	Bishop's Bridge to Whitefriars enhancement	187	Proposals to enhance Cow Tower by incorporating a sensitively designed viewing platform; potential for pop-up café and other facilities at Petches Corne; enhance the neglected riverside walk between Zak's and Bishop's Bridge.	Individual	Noted. These ideas will be considered alongside other suggested projects against a set of criteria, for potential inclusion in a revised action plan. The Cow Tower proposals require discussion with Historic England. These ideas are relevant to the proposed Bishop's Bridge to Whitefriars Green Space enhancement set out in section 7 of the strategy, which aims to improve recreational access, maximise biodiversity, and develop the tourism offer for this part of the Wensum.	No change (but see proposed change PC12 in relation to project assessment).	
	Mary Chapman Court	188	Mary Chapman Court site has high banks, difficult to see how improvements could be made in a cost effective manner.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Mary Chapman Court	189	Concern at 'canyonisation'. Mary Chapman Court must not be re-developed to add yet another tall/dominant building to the riverside at the Dukes Place Bridge point. Developers currently seek to do this on the opposite site at Dukes Place Bridge - the river front which is currently used as a car park near the Premier Inn. These developers are offering the Council a "free" connection to the Riverside Walk to encourage plans for a tall/dominant building which is wholly inappropriate to the site and location.	Individual	Not accepted. Planning applications are assessed against existing planning policy which seeks to ensure that the height, massing, scale, and form of development is appropriate to the site, and also takes into account the relevant City Centre Conservation Area appraisal (in this case the Northern Riverside). In addition, the provision of riverside walk through new development is a long standing policy requirement for development adjacent to the river.	No change	
	Wensum Park	190	Wensum Park - feel monies spent here could achieve far more than at Mary Chapman court.	Individual	Noted. Mary Chapman Court is likely to be redeveloped by a private developer. Development will therefore be privately funded, so there would be no competition for funding with other sites. The strategy sets out design considerations to guide the redevelopment.	No change	
	Wensum Park	191	Support for Wensum Park improvements , although this relies on budget and a commitment in the long term to look after it.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
	Wensum Park	192	Wensum park pool reopening would be an asset to the city and enhance the park, with potential to link to Dolphin Bridge and Oak Street.	Individual	Noted. The strategy makes clear that this is a long term aspiration.	No change	
	Other	193	No reference made to Elm Hill Car Park and Gardens. The gardens have repeatedly been the subject of complaints about anti-social behaviour and drug-taking. Enhancements or even comprehensive redevelopment of the car park could provide benefits to residents, tourists and businesses. The strategy should also acknowledge and provide a strategy for the landing stage adjacent to Roaches Court.	Individual	Noted. Amend strategy to make reference to the potential to enhance Elm Hill car park and gardens.	Amend first sentence of paragraph 6.34 to read: 'There are other areas in the city centre, for example along Riverside, and at Elm Hill Gardens , whether there may be opportunities to seek to enhance open space provision adjacent to the river which will help to meet the recreational needs of the existing and growing population in the city centre and east Norwich.'	PC31
	Other	194	Structure and prioritise based on evidence and community engagement. This section identifies a range of aims which seem rather incoherent. New Mills pumping station is a clear priority, but the Boom towers/wooded ridge at Ber Street "new urban wooded park " is likely to be very expensive, for example.	Individual	Noted. The aim of this section of the strategy is to highlight potential projects for the future. These have not yet had any feasibility investigation or funding identified but their inclusion in the strategy could help to attract funding.	No change	
	Other	195	There could be more emphasis on the historic character of the grain, massing and materials in the historic access lanes from King St to the river (between Dragon Hall and the Music House). The cluster of buildings immediately north of the Music House is particularly attractive and is in use as a series of small workshops and enterprises and its use deserves protection.	Individual	Noted. The City centre conservation area appraisal, which is referred to in the strategy, includes this area and identifies its historic character and individual buildings of historic importance.	No change	
	Other	196	Ensure that any longer term proposals address environmental impacts and wildlife protection issues, are aesthetically pleasing, and have minimal impact on residents.	Individual	Noted. Environmental and wildlife considerations should be part of the normal assessment of individual projects. Impact on residential amenity is a planning consideration for new development. See proposed change PC12	No change	
IMPLEMENTATION							
	Action plan	198	It is important that any enhancements are sustainable.	Private individual	Noted	No change	

		199	A more transparent and community based approach is needed to the prioritisation of projects. Assess ideas raised through strategy process against clear criteria, including evidence and community engagement, into a more comprehensive and longer term action plan. There are no action plan projects upstream of New Mills , which could greatly benefit from enhanced access to the river and increased environmental and business development.	Norwich Green Party, Friends of Train Wood and Marriotts Way	It is accepted that all potential projects identified through the consultation should be assessed against clear criteria. This will include suggested projects upstream of New Mills Yard.	See proposed change PC12.	
		200	There is scope for a more aspirational and community focused approach, working with groups to bring in funding.	Friends of Train Wood and Marriotts Way; Norwich Green Party	It is accepted that community groups are an important stakeholder. Several amendments are proposed to acknowledge this and encourage their involvement.	See proposed changes PC6 and PC11.	
		201	The early implementation of some visible and beneficial projects with media support will highlight the wider benefits of the strategy.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
		202	The action plan needs a longer-term timeframe (20 years is suggested by one respondent) - 3 years isn't long enough to build change.	Individual, Norwich Green Party	Noted, however the strategy is the context for the action plan and looks ahead for 10 years which is considered to be an acceptable time-frame to deliver significant change to the river corridor. The action plan covers the short-to-medium term in order to focus on the delivery of policies and projects. The action plan will be a living document which can be updated every couple of years to ensure that there is an ongoing focus on delivery.	No change	
		203	The actions do not support the aspirations of the strategy.	Friends of Train Wood and Marriotts Way	Not accepted. The action plan projects support the strategy objectives set out in paragraph 2.4.	No change	
	Funding	204	Range of comments regarding private sector funding, both for and against. Some suggest that the strategy should not make use of private money as the private sector is likely to want something in return, and in particular not to make use of money attached to the grant of planning consent. Support is also expressed for use of private sector funding and other forms of external funding, including funding from local businesses.	Individuals	Noted. Attracting funding from external partners will be key to the success of the strategy, for example Heritage Lottery funding (for the proposed River festival). Use of pooled Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 funding is also a major potential source of funding: CIL and Section 106 funding is generated by new development. Spending decisions are taken either by the Greater Norwich Development Partnership or Norwich City Council and Broads Authority respectively and not by the developer or landowner of a particular scheme.	No change	
		205	CIL money should be used on projects to improve the infrastructure in the area not on walkways and cycle ways.	Individual	Walkways and cycleways are part of the infrastructure needed to support new development.	No change	
		206	Potential scope for cooperation with other cities/regions/countries, possibly including EU funding. Also there could be synergies with similar projects that have taken place in other cities.	Individual	Noted	No change	
		207	Query whether crowdfunding is appropriate for a bold city initiative.	Individuals	Noted. Crowdfunding is becoming a tried and tested way of raising funding but is likely to be only a small part of the funding mix for the delivery of the strategy. It is proposed to provide more information about crowdfunding in Norwich in section 8, and a link to the council's website.	Add new second sentence to paragraph 8.7: "For example Crowdfund Norwich has been set up by the city council to support community groups, social enterprises and charities to carry out a range of projects, most of which are likely to be small scale." and insert weblink to Crowdfund Norwich.	PC32
		208	Make use of Council's own workforce, as well as attracting external funding.	Individual	Noted. The council's workforce already carry out a number of functions in the river corridor as set out in Appendix 1 of the Strategy. Staff from the City Council, Broads Authority and Norfolk County Council already contribute in kind to development of the strategy and will subsequently contribute to its delivery.	No change	
		209	Focus on making better use of existing facilities before creating new ones.	Individual	Noted.	No change	
		210	What funding is in place to ensure that projects will be maintained in years to come?	Individuals, and Norwich Fringe Project	Noted. The strategy acknowledges that maintenance funding is constrained, but in response the strategy seeks to maximise volunteer and community input into maintenance and environmental improvements, explore sponsorship where appropriate, and to ensure that individual proposals are designed to fully address maintenance costs so as not to add to existing council maintenance budgets.	No change	
	Management and delivery	211	How much influence will you allow the external partners on the redevelopment? Does it depend on how much they are willing to fund it? Who will serve on the strategic and delivery boards? How will you ensure that there is a fair balance of interests? What is the mechanism for decision-making within the boards? Delivery board activities must be transparent.	Individuals	The proposed Strategic Board will have membership from each of the strategy partners, and external partners will be invited to be involved depending upon specific issues under discussion. It will be important to achieve the appropriate balance of interest between the partners with statutory responsibilities and others. The proposed Delivery Board will deal with more day-to-day management issues and with specific projects. Both Boards' terms of reference and decision-making process will be developed further in the next couple of months and will be subject to approval of the River Wensum Strategy Project Board before the adoption of the strategy.	No change	
		212	Strategic board & delivery board need to have lay members as well as the more obvious 'vested interest' members	Individual	Noted. The Wensum River Parkway Partnership is a voluntary body which represents the Norwich Society and key river stakeholders, and will be represented on the Strategic Board.	No change	

		213	Sport England supports the proposal for a Strategic / Delivery Board to be set up to oversee implementation of the strategy and monitoring of outcomes.	Sport England	Noted	No change	
		214	Formation of a strategy and delivery board should allow delivery of identified projects and ensure that the strategy continues to deliver on its aims. The strategy board can then focus on the wider issues and looking for wider partnerships and opportunities, including those offered through the planning process. Thought should be given to considering if specific officer support would aid delivery of the strategy.	Environment Agency	Noted	No change	
		215	Norwich Society hopes it can continue to play an active role in monitoring and overseeing the implementation of the strategy and that it can continue its representation both on the oversight board and delivery board in order to provide a direct link to local people with a keen interest in the project and to demonstrate the support of the local community to potential grant givers.	Norwich Society	Noted. The Norwich Society will continue to play a valuable role in the River Wensum Strategy through the Wensum River Parkway Partnership which is one of the partner organisations. The strategy proposes that the WRRP be represented on the Strategic Board. It is hoped that it also be actively involved in project delivery, and therefore also be represented on the the Delivery Board.	No change	
		216	Who will oversee and deliver the action plan? Is there a need for a project manager to take on this role?	Norwich Fringe Project	Noted. Project management will continue to be undertaken by Norwich City Council.	No change	
		217	Are there opportunities to involve local people in practical delivery of strategy and action plan?	Norwich Fringe Project	Noted. This is acknowledged in para 3.14 of the strategy. It is also intended that this will be explored further by the Strategic and Delivery Boards.	See proposed change PC6.	
		218	Are there opportunities for organisations like Norwich Fringe Project to provide a role in delivering elements of the strategy and action plan?	Norwich Fringe Project	Yes, this seems likely and will be explored further by the Strategic and Delivery Boards.	No change	