

SITES IN GUILDFORD PROPOSED TO BE DECLARED AS LOCAL NATURE RESERVES

WORPLESDON GROUP OF COMMONS

- 1 Broadstreet & Backside Commons, Stringer's Common, Littlefield Common and Chitty's Common are part of the Worpleston Group of Commons and are owned by the County Council, leased to Surrey Wildlife Trust and managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust Countryside Services. The areas proposed to be designated as LNRs are 158 hectares (Broadstreet & Backside Commons), 36 hectares (Stringer's Common), 16 hectares (Littlefield Common) and 4 hectares (Chitty's Common) and are shown on the attached plans. The Commons are designated as Sites of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI) (with the exception of Chitty's Common) and are bordered by extensive housing estates. Management of the Commons emphasises the involvement of the local community who make considerable use of the area. Guildford Borough Council, Worpleston Parish Council and appropriate local community organisations have been consulted about the possible designations as LNRs and fully support them. Surrey Wildlife Trust and Surrey Wildlife Trust Countryside Services also support the designations. There would be no financial or management implications on the County Council of such an agreement as Surrey Wildlife Trust have responsibility for day-to-day management including liaison with English Nature.

WISLEY COMMON & OCKHAM & CHATLEY HEATH

- 2 Wisley Common & Ockham & Chatley Heath are owned by the County Council, leased to Surrey Wildlife Trust and managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust Countryside Services. The area proposed to be designated as a LNR is 282 hectares and is shown on the attached plan. The site is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and is also part of the Thames Basin Special Protection Area, a European designation indicating the importance of lowland heathland. Management of the site encourages the involvement of the local community who make considerable use of the area. Guildford and Elmbridge Borough Councils, Ockham Parish Council and other appropriate local community organisations have been consulted about the possible designation as a LNR and fully support it. Surrey Wildlife Trust and Surrey Wildlife Trust Countryside Services also support the designation. There would be no financial or management implications on the County Council of such an agreement as Surrey Wildlife Trust have responsibility for day-to-day management including liaison with English Nature.

SHEEPLEAS

- 3 Sheepleas is owned by the County Council, leased to Surrey Wildlife Trust and managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust Countryside Services. The area proposed to be designated as a LNR is 104 hectares and is shown on the attached plan. The Common is a SSSI and is important for its areas of chalk grassland. It is a well known and well used site locally. Guildford Borough Council, East Horsley Parish Council and appropriate local community organisations have been consulted about the possible designation as a LNR and have been very supportive. Surrey Wildlife Trust and Surrey Wildlife Trust Countryside Services also support the designation. There would be no

financial or management implications on the County Council of such an agreement as Surrey Wildlife Trust have responsibility for day-to-day management including liaison with English Nature.

SHERE WOODLANDS

- 4 Shere Woodlands (comprising West Hanger, Coombe Bottom and Netley Plantation) are owned by the County Council, leased to Surrey Wildlife Trust and managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust Countryside Services. The area proposed to be designated as a LNR is 43 hectares and is shown on the attached plan. Part of the area (Coombe Bottom) is a SSSI and is important for its areas of chalk grassland. It is a well known and well used site locally. Guildford Borough Council, East Horsley Parish Council and appropriate local community organisations have been consulted about the possible designation as a LNR and have been very supportive. Surrey Wildlife Trust and Surrey Wildlife Trust Countryside Services also support the designation. There would be no financial or management implications on the County Council of such an agreement as Surrey Wildlife Trust have responsibility for day-to-day management including liaison with English Nature.

RODBOROUGH COMMON

- 5 Rodborough Common is owned by the County Council, leased to Surrey Wildlife Trust and managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust Countryside Services. The area proposed to be designated as a LNR is 62 hectares and is shown on the attached plan. The area is designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI) and is an important buffer to the neighbouring Thursley National Nature Reserve and Thursley, Hankley and Frensham SSSI. It is a well used site for local walkers and riders. Waverley Borough Council and appropriate local community organisations have been consulted about the possible designation as a LNR and have been very supportive. Surrey Wildlife Trust and Surrey Wildlife Trust Countryside Services also support the designation. There would be no financial or management implications on the County Council of such an agreement as Surrey Wildlife Trust have responsibility for day-to-day management including liaison with English Nature.

CHINTHURST HILL

- 6 Chinthurst Hill is owned by the County Council, leased to Surrey Wildlife Trust and managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust Countryside Services. The area proposed to be designated as a LNR is approximately 16 hectares and is shown on the attached plan. The area has a quiet ambience and is mainly used by local walkers. The summit of the site offers wonderful views of the surrounding countryside and there is a Grade II listed building, Chinthurst Tower located here. There is also an area of ancient woodland which was previously coppiced and now contains a number of important sweet chestnut veteran trees. Waverley Borough Council, Guildford Borough Council and appropriate local community organisations have been consulted about the possible designation as a LNR and have been very supportive. Surrey Wildlife Trust and Surrey Wildlife Trust Countryside Services also support the designation. There would be no financial or management implications on the County Council of such an agreement as Surrey Wildlife Trust have responsibility for day-to-day management including liaison with English Nature.