

# Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan - Subgroup Report

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**Topic Group**

**Natural Environment**

**Meeting date 13 Oct 14**

## **Attendees:**

- **Will Moses**
- **Alma Dunigan**
- **Heather Forshaw**
- **Christopher Wright**

## **Items discussed**

- Subgroup Report
- Castle Morpeth District Local Plan
- Other reference documents The Wildlife Trust "*Local Authority Services and Biodiversity*", LIT2564 "*Planning for the environment at the neighbourhood level*", Town & Country Planning Association/The Wildlife Trusts "*Planning for a healthy environment - good practice for green infrastructure and biodiversity (with annexe)*"
- CPRE information on website
- Wildlife corridors (River Pont and poss. Fairney Burn)
- Setting and landscape quality including possible development on opencast site

## **Decisions**

1. Agreed to take forward CMDCLP Policies and other existing policies, add to what is there and encourage innovative solutions which enhance biodiversity
2. Focus on "Green Approaches". The trees and frontages are a resource for wildlife
3. Focus on "Local Green Space" incl. Ponteland Park and allotments at Prestwick (Town Council), Eland Lane (Private?). The Park and footpath network are important resources and provide for all age groups)
4. Building along River Pont would cause damage through noise, light and disturbance including domestic animals and this should influence housing policy
5. An important aspect of wildlife corridors is the ability of animals to disperse into fields
6. Consider broader landscape context and seek an innovative solution to the business park "beneficial relationship"

<b>Action agreed</b>	<b>Date by</b>	<b>Name</b>
1. WDM to look at remediation conditions re opencast site		
2. HF to spk. Margaret Stainsby & Shirley Hill		
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