

# The People's Plan for a Wilder Claylands: building a vision for an ancient landscape

The key to a wilder landscape is improving and restoring connectivity between relict patches of habitat by creating stepping stones of habitat and wildlife corridors and building resilience to climate change.

During three in-person events told us you wanted:

*"A joined up greener, accessible South Norfolk where sustainability is central to everything and everyone"*

## Through our online survey you told us:

Your two clear priorities for land use were biodiversity and food production

**71%** said biodiversity was a priority and

**51%** said food production was a priority.

One in 5 (20%) indicating they would like more people taking action for nature.

**58%** Over half (58%) of all respondents are concerned about drought and water availability.



## Top 2 concerns for nature and landscape

**74%** Biodiversity loss

**68%** Large scale changes to landscape

## Top 2 concerns for food production

**70%** Change of land use - farmland to houses

**60%** Biodiversity loss



## Plans for the future – what did people say?

We heard from over



**500**

people including individuals, farmers, community groups and parish councils



## In the next 5 years:

- Clear government directives
- Local involvement
- Continued eco-education
- Local action
- Alternative energy options

## In the next 25 years:

- More space for people and nature
- Better access to nature
- Communities working together
- Develop housing sensitively
- Stakeholder led biodiversity increase



## How can Norfolk Wildlife Trust help?

Help create "a landscape that wildlife can travel through easily with woods and hedges, ponds and meadows, where people have access to them, enjoy them and engage in caring for and protecting them".

- Work with communities to enhance the future for wildlife
- Provide sensitive support for areas such as housing development and renewable energy
- Offer advice on funding, how to access it and use it
- Provide education for young and old to evolve a mindset that has wildlife at its heart
- Offer practical assistance using NWT's professional knowledge of wildlife to make things happen

## What Wilder Clayland's will achieve?

- Natural habitats that are connected, protected and well managed
- More people inspired and enabled to take action for nature
- Nature recovery is at the heart of important decision-making
- Nature is recovered by working with partners, land managers and communities