

The new District Ecologist post at Norfolk County Council

An innovative partnership involving NCC, NBIS & Broadland District Council

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Why the post was created

Previously...

NE provided advice to LPA on a case-by-case basis.

February 2011...

NE introduced Standing Advice.

For several years...

NBIS has provided access to biodiversity data.

Now...

The District Ecologist post

Mitigation, compensation & enhancement

Do we always maximise the benefits?

- Best quality up-to-date info

The importance of up-to-date records



Mitigation, compensation & enhancement (again)

Do we always maximise the benefits?

- Best quality up-to-date info
- Challenge assumptions
- Long-term benefits
- Think strategically
- Use policies



The importance of biodiversity enhancement

PPS 9: “...Planning decisions should aim to maintain, *and enhance*, restore or add to biodiversity...conservation”



Norwich City Council, Policy NE8:

“Developments that do not address opportunities for enhancing biodiversity... will not be permitted.”



Broadland DC Policy ENV5:

“... the establishment of new (biodiversity) features (will be) sought”

The importance of biodiversity enhancement

Lawton's review (2010):
“...more, bigger, better and joined...”

Greater Norwich
Development
Partnership

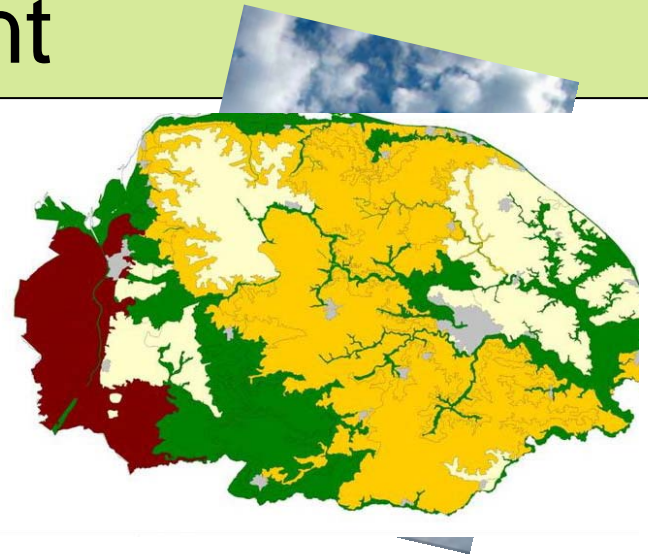


GNDP Policy 1, Section 5.7:

“...the creation of ecological networks is fundamental ...”

Breckland DC Policy CP10:

“The restoration... & linking of areas... to create ecological networks will be encouraged...”



The importance of taking new opportunities

