

MARTON MOSS NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Marton Moss Biodiversity Strategy Draft

Summary

This is a summary of the report that was produced for the Neighbourhood Forum by planning consultants Envisionuk.

Biodiversity is simply the total variety of living organisms in any one place. The Marton Moss Biodiversity Strategy has been produced to help safeguard and improve the range of local wildlife in relation to building and land use development projects. 'Biodiversity Net Gain' is already an expectation placed upon such projects by national planning policy and is embodied in the Environment Act 2021. However, the main provisions of that Act have not yet come into force. The Biodiversity Strategy aims to help fill the gap in the legal provisions that exist in the meantime.

The Strategy explains why biodiversity is important, what local threats there are to wildlife diversity, and who can protect and better manage biodiversity at the local level. Everyone who lives, works in, or visits the Moss can play their part but the Strategy is aimed at developers and other promoters of new physical development.

The Strategy summarises the wildlife assets of Marton Moss and importantly recognises that local habitats are inter-related, forming ecological networks. The Strategy goes on to set out a series of biodiversity improvement measures – straightforward safeguards and works that can be incorporated in construction projects – and explains which species would benefit.

Before the Plan is finalised there is an opportunity for local people and other interested parties to put forward other suggestions or to comment on the outcomes of the Biodiversity Strategy within the six weeks set aside from when the report was published. The full report can be viewed on the Forum's website www.martonmossforum.org and comments made using the form available there. The Forum can also be contacted via enquiries@martonmossforum.org or on 07739 517630.

Do you agree the Biodiversity Strategy provides appropriate guidance?

Do you disagree?