

Holmedale Community Nature Project

Dualling of A66 would result in habitat destruction

National Highways would offset by improvements elsewhere

National Highways Requirements

Large capital projects

- Improving watercourses
- Improving local habitats: woodland, hedges and meadows

Consultation Findings

Project Strands (5 year programme)

Capital projects (1 per parish)

> Farmer support & liaison

individuals Local habitat

Activities for

improvements

Parish capital projects

Aim:

Create or improve wetland habitat (bog, ponds, watercourse, floodplain)

Secondary aim:

Reduce local flood risk by improved water retention and slower run off

Activity Year 1:

Feasibility assessment

Years 2-5:

Projects delivery

Farming projects

Aim:

Meadow creation (or other farmland habitat improvements)

Activities:

- set up farmer clusters to exchange ideas
- engage a farming liaison officer
- assist in developing plans for new Environment Land Management Schemes

Local habitat improvements

Aims:

- Plant trees and hedgerows
- Improve existing local habitats

Activity Year 1:

Create local map identifying opportunities based on area surveys, ecology advice and discussions with residents

Years 2-5:

Planting and other improvement works

Community activities

Aim:

Provide additional activities for individuals to get involved

Activities:

- Evening talks on topics of interest
- Training and workshops
- Volunteer opportunities

Funding

National Highways:

- Decision on A66 dualling deferred to 7 March 2024
- Funding of new biodiversity projects deferred to March 2025

Alternatives:

- National Lottery
- Yorkshire Millenium Trust
- White Rose Forest
- And more...

Organisation Requirements

To set up a legally constituted organisation, we need to:

- Decide on organisation type
- Develop a constitution
- Open a bank account

We need you!