

Subject:	Land & Nature Group – NRF Consultation Follow-on
From:	Peter Kenrick
Date:	22/08/24
For information/discussion/decision/action [please delete as appropriate]	
Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note plans for final consultation effort at Street Fair • Approve proposals for consultation follow-up events and actions 	
Financial implications: [please explain any costs associated with decisions or actions, and whether these have already been budgeted for]	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation costs (including Street Fair) already approved • Follow-on Workshop – external funding from SusCha being sought to supplement agreed LNG budget expenditure • Other actions – to be brought to future meetings 	

As previously agreed, consultation on the NRF will continue until Friday 27th September 2024 with a final active public engagement effort at Street Fair using existing materials produced for Nature Day. Following this we need to move forward to expand engagement further and crucially to start planning and delivering actions to improve biodiversity and aid nature recovery locally and at a landscape scale. To this end we are proposing to hold follow-up public events in November as summarised below. The town council has already agreed to this in principle and we are now in a position to provide more details.

We originally suggested a date of 5th October but were concerned about getting everything ready in time to make the event a success so new dates are now proposed:

- 7 November, Thursday evening talk (inviting local groups and societies to share what they are already doing to restore nature)
- 16 November, Saturday afternoon: facilitated workshop to create a shared vision for nature recovery in 2040 and help everybody come up with next steps for a Year of Nature Regeneration in 2025.

The idea is to launch a Year of Regeneration as something that everyone can get behind and contribute to, not centrally controlled by LNG or the TC. We would approach all local organisations, groups and societies and invite them to be part of it. There would be a special emphasis on youth involvement and education which would align well with the Youth Ambassador initiative.

Two major priorities for the November events will be:

- **Engagement.** We need to actively involve the many local groups who are already doing great things and we also need to find a way to reach others more effectively than we have managed so far - especially young people.
- **Practical Action Plans.** Identifying practical projects that can be achieved quickly and involve local volunteers as much as possible – helping to secure community buy-in! We will be looking for lots of ideas from everyone. We have already received

some great suggestions and we know there are plenty more out there. Drawing out these ideas will be a central feature of our presence at Street Fair

The November events (especially the Saturday workshop) will involve costs for room hire, light lunch & tea, illustrator and publicity. A grant application to SusCha is being prepared to support the above events supplementing remaining TC funds approved from the LNG budget.