

Woodland plan

1. What is the most important benefit of woodland

Woodlands provide many benefits to people and society - habitats for plants and animals, the opportunity to learn about nature, and places for retreat and recreation. They also support economic activity, providing timber and other materials; and contribute towards storing carbon and helping to control climate change.

Woodland can be managed to achieve any of these benefits, but sometimes not all of them at the same time. Which are most important to you?

1. Please rate the importance of each item on the list below on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is very important and 5 is not at all important. You may give the same score to more than one item.

	1 (very important)	2	3	4	5 (least important)	Not applicable
Biodiversity: creating and maintaining habitat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Production: using woodland for timber and biomass	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education: making woodlands a resource for learning about nature.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation: opening up woodland for walking, cycling and other similar uses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climate Change: using mature trees as a carbon store, holding rainfall to prevent flooding etc	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are there other benefits of maintaining woodland that are important to you?

2. Do you have any further comments?

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2. Pressures on trees and woodland from development

Trees and woodlands are valuable in creating sustainable places to live and combating climate change; and woodlands with good access give people the chance to enjoy them and take part in healthy recreational activity and education. However, development across the district for homes and businesses will require more land in the future.

What should the Council do as a response to increasing pressure to find land for housing and business development?

3. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the statements below.

	Agree strongly	Agree somewhat	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree somewhat	Disagree strongly	Not applicable
The Council should protect all trees and woodlands against development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Council should plant more trees and woodlands on its own land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Council should encourage other land owners, developers and communities in the District to plant more trees and woodlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Council should work to open up as much existing woodland as possible to access for everybody	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Further comments

4. Do you know of any land that might be suitable for managed woodland?

- Yes Maybe
 No Not applicable

If yes or maybe, please give more details

5. Do you have any good ideas for improving access to woodland and encouraging people to make more use of it.

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3. How should woodland be managed for the future

Woodlands with good access give more people the chance to enjoy them and take part in healthy recreational activity and education. Trees and Woodlands also support business and economic development in a number of ways. Community participation in the management of public trees and woodlands is vital for their long term protection and development. There are a number of ways in which community participation can be encouraged - which ones do you think should be used?

6. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the statements below.

	Agree strongly	Agree somewhat	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree somewhat	Disagree strongly	Not applicable
The Council should continue to own and manage woodland for the benefit of everyone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Council is good at involving the community in woodland management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Council should work harder to improve community involvement in woodland management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The community should have a greater say in how public trees and woodland are managed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local businesses should have a greater say in how public trees and woodland are managed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Further comments

7. Do you have any good ideas for increasing community participation in the management and preservation of woodland?

4. Green businesses

Trees and woodlands support business and economic development in a number of ways. Besides the use of trees for timber and paper, woodland can be used for biomass to produce fuel, or coppiced to produce poles and withies for traditional crafts. Wooded areas can be used in small scale agriculture - producing nuts, berries, edible fungi etc, or used to rear animals such as pigs. Woodland can form part of a revenue generating recreation facility, or can even be used to mask the sight and sounds of a factory or a motorway.

8. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the statement below.

Agree Agree Neither Disagree Disagree Not
strongly somewhat agree Disagree Disagree Not
disagree nor somewhat strongly applicable
disagree

The Council should help to develop green businesses opportunities and apprenticeships in work areas connected to the woodland sector?

Please say more

9. Do you run a business that depends on woodland, or do you know someone who does?

- Yes
- No

If you said yes, please give more details

10. Do you have any good ideas for businesses that might make use of woodland?

5. Biodiversity

Woodlands are important for maintaining biodiversity - woods with mixed planting of native species are home to a very large range of plants, animals, birds and insects. Even single species planting, as used in plantations for forestry, supports a wide range of species. Research has shown that well managed forestry does not diminish the value of a plantation as a habitat for plants and animals.

11. The Council owns a number of softwood plantations, such as those at Esholt and St Ives. Over the next 10 years, these will be ready to be thinned, or harvested commercially. What should be done with these plantations?

- Harvest the timber and replant with a commercial timber crop
- Harvest the timber and replant with native species
- Do not fell any trees at all

Other option

12. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statement.

Neither
Agree Agree agree Disagree Disagree Not
strongly somewhat nor somewhat strongly applicable
disagree

The Council needs to do more to protect and enhance biodiversity.

Further comments

13. Do you have any good ideas for protecting and enhancing biodiversity in the District?

6. About you

Please give us some information about yourself for statistical purposes.

14. Please indicate which entry from the list below best reflects your ethnicity

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| <input type="radio"/> White British | <input type="radio"/> Any other mixed background | <input type="radio"/> Black African or Black British African |
| <input type="radio"/> White Irish | <input type="radio"/> Indian | <input type="radio"/> Any other Black background |
| <input type="radio"/> Any other White background | <input type="radio"/> Pakistani | <input type="radio"/> Chinese |
| <input type="radio"/> White and Black Caribbean | <input type="radio"/> Bangladeshi | <input type="radio"/> Other ethnic groups |
| <input type="radio"/> White and Black African | <input type="radio"/> Other Asian | <input type="radio"/> Not stated |
| <input type="radio"/> White and Asian | <input type="radio"/> Black Caribbean or Black British Caribbean | |

15. Which entry from the list below best describes your gender

- Male
- Female
- Transgender or other option

16. What age group are you in?

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 | <input type="radio"/> 41-55 |
| <input type="radio"/> 18-25 | <input type="radio"/> 56-65 |
| <input type="radio"/> 26-40 | <input type="radio"/> Over 65 |

17. Please give the first part of your postcode (eg BD21)