

Ox-Cam Growth Corridor - Priority Project proposals from Natural Cambridgeshire

Working titles

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Summarised project descriptions

Project name: **Re-linking the Rockingham Forest and John Clare Country**

Location: A ridge between the Nene and Welland Valleys, which runs across NE Northamptonshire into the NW of Peterborough.

Description: This project will safeguard the future of the wildlife in the area and provide enhanced opportunities for people to access and benefit from nature by land purchase, habitat creation, better management of existing habitats and linking these to create a resilient ecological network across the area that also plays a key role in carbon capture.

Note: This is a joint project proposal between the Cambridgeshire and Northants LNP's.

Project name: **The Nene Valley**

Location: The Nene Valley from central Northamptonshire, through Peterborough and to the county border with Norfolk.

Description: This project provides an opportunity to safeguard the future of the wildlife and habitats in the valley by developing a resilient ecological network through the creation and restoration of large areas of priority habitat that are well managed for nature, have good water quality and provide opportunities for recreation.

Note: This is a joint project proposal between the Cambridgeshire and Northants LNP's.

Project name: **Cambridgeshire's connected fens and washes**

Location: A large area of fenland between the Nene Washes and Wicken Fen. It includes RSPB Nene Washes, WTBCN Great Fen, RSPB Ouse Washes, RSPB Ouse Fen, WWT Welney, the NT

Wicken Fen Vision and the land and waterways between these prime conservation sites.

Description: This project will support the progress of current pioneering conservation projects in the Fens and join them together by providing a wildlife rich, connecting network of waterways, wetlands, floodplains, ditches and nature friendly farming initiatives which also increases their resilience to peat degradation and enhances carbon capture.

Project name: **The Ouse Valley**

Location: The Ouse Valley from Bedford to the Southern end of the Ouse Washes at Earith.

Description: This project provides an opportunity to safeguard the future of the wildlife and habitats in the valley by developing a resilient ecological network through the creation and restoration of large areas of priority habitats that are well managed for nature, have good water quality and provide opportunities for recreation.

Note: This is a joint project proposal between the Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire LNP's.

Project name: **Gog Magog Hills – South Cambridgeshire grassland and woodland**

Location: The chalk hills and lowlands south and east of Cambridge.

Description: This project seeks to safeguard, and increase the resilience of, the remnant chalk grasslands and fens on the fringes of Cambridge, though buffering the remaining isolated sites, and reconnecting them through the creation of large accessible natural greenspaces.