

LNMF Round 2 Background Paper: Impact Assessments: Biodiversity and Climate Change Mitigation and Health and Wellbeing

As the report is asking for authority to prepare a funding bid, with the detail of projects still to be worked up when and if funding is received it is not possible undertake detailed impact assessment at this stage – further impact assessment would be taken when developing a more detailed Nutrient Mitigation Strategy. However, it is established in government guidance that Biodiversity Net Gain and Nutrient Mitigations can be stacked; i.e. both delivered by the same project, on the same site; so this is a likely benefit, particularly if funding allow the Council more control over mitigation projects. Depending on the location of projects taken forward, there may be opportunity to increase public access to sites, which could have a recreational and exercise benefit on health and wellbeing.