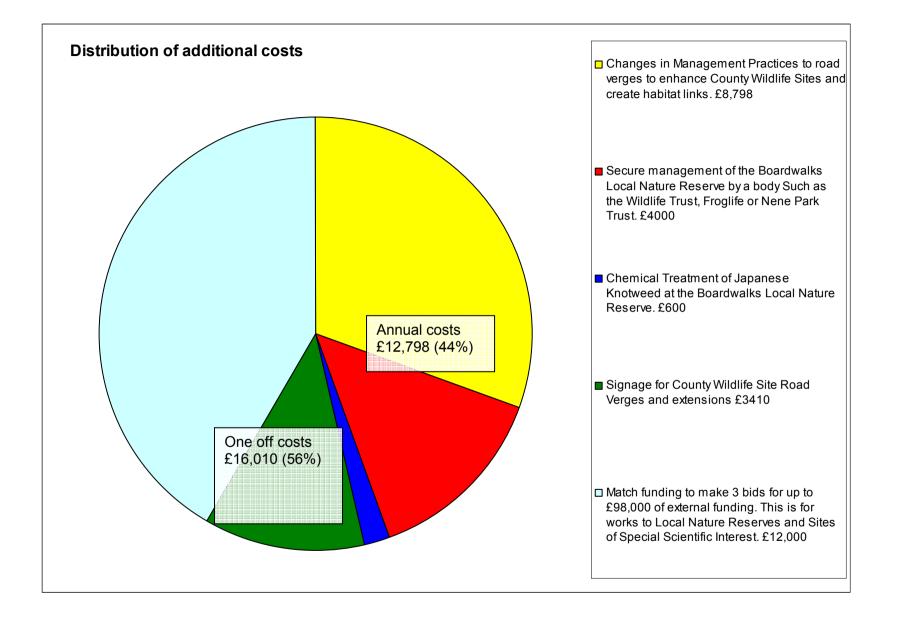
EXTRAPOLATION OF SPECIFC TASKS AND THEIR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS IN COMPLYING WITH THE BIODIVERSITY DUTY THROUGH THE BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY, ITS VISION STATEMENT, APPROCH AND SPECIFIC ACTIONS

1. Summary

Overall achieving the elements set out in the updated biodiversity strategy will require the City Council to continue to resource its current efforts and in some instances change management practices. This will have financial implications which are considered in detail below. In many instances the cost of restoring or creating habitats can be off set by seeking external funding or other changes to management practices which are less expensive than existing.

Overall the assessment carried out below has identified that the following additional funding would be required:

Element	Annual Costs	Single/One off Costs	Responsible
Changes in Management Practices to enhance 42 km of County Wildlife Site road verges; extend the CWS management regime to 22km of additional road verge to reflect designation of new sites and create habitat links.	£8798	N/A	Highways/ Peterborough City Services
Secure management of the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve by a body such as the Wildlife Trust, Froglife or Nene Park Trust.	£4000	N/A	Peterborough City Services
Chemical Treatment of Japanese Knotweed at the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve	N/A	£600	Peterborough City Services
Match funding to make 3 bids for up to £98,000 of external funding. This is for works to Local Nature Reserves and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.	N/A	£12000	Peterborough City Services
Signage for County Wildlife Site Road Verges including new sites and extensions	N/A	£3410	Highways/ Peterborough City Services
Totals	£12,798	£16,010	£28,808



An overall failure to implement the Strategy would entail non compliance with Biodiversity Duty, failure to be worthy of Environment City status or to be able to present Peterborough as the UKs environment capital. Associated negative effects to quality of life and the economy and cultural heritage should also be expected as should a more limited contribution to flood and pollution control.

2. Detailed breakdown of specific actions and financial implications

A detailed breakdown of specific actions and their financial implications is detailed in the table below. Elements already present in the 2004 Strategy have been included for completeness but are left unshaded. The 2004 strategy by the way in which it was adopted was to be achieved within existing resources. Progress reports with respect to achieving the requirements of the 2004 strategy have been made to Councillors since its adoption. Where satisfactory progress is already being made within existing resources this is has been used as a basis to demonstrate that this is a valid financial consideration in respect of the inclusion of these actions in this updated 2009 strategy. The table is otherwise colour coded blue to show what actions are new to the Strategy but which are already being achieved within existing resources and green to show where new actions are proposed and additional resourcing would be required.

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1	Make every attempt to ensure that employees and members of Peterborough City Council are aware of the importance of and need to safeguard, enhance and promote Biodiversity through the City Council's activities and thereby contribute to the achievement of this approach.	All City Council and contract staff directly involved in the management of open space should be given training and guidance on good management practice to safeguard and promote Biodiversity. This should include the identification of 'model' sites to demonstrate best practice.	Opportunities for internal and external training and guidance to be regularly brought to the attention of and where appropriate taken up by employees and members. Internal training to be requested from the councils own internal specialists where required.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy. Internal training can be provided within existing resources providing that these are maintained. Guidance is routinely available electronically at no cost. External training has been provided in the past through the City Councils existing partnerships with other organisations at little additional cost to its current commitments. Other external training would need to be subject to the normal	Fundamental to achieving implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy, Vision statement and biodiversity duty.	Natural Environment Team/All

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				process of requesting training and the consideration of this by the Corporate Management Team.		
2		To comply with the guidance with respect to the cutting of shrubs, hedges and trees during the bird nesting season set out in the Biodiversity Strategy (appendix E).	Guidance to be issued to staff involved with grounds maintenance and tree works. Training to be organised as required.	This guidance does not imply a requirement to cut hedges more frequently but rather attempts to set out clear guidance with respect to how these sorts of works might legitimately be carried out where required. The guidance should therefore help remove a perceived constraint rather than necessarily a requirement for additional hedge, shrub and tree works. The guideline also sets out a clear approach which will help the council to	No clear guidance for the maintenance of trees, hedges and shrubs during the bird nesting season. The potential for inappropriate works remains and works continue to be unnecessarily restricted by the potential presence of nesting birds. Pressure will be brought to be to remove or not plant trees, hedges and shrubs in the longer term, particularity in the urban context. This has an implication on the benefits of	All

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				avoid prosecution and fines in carrying out legitimate grounds maintenance works.	biodiversity to quality of life etc set out in the overall vision statement.	
3	Work with the Peterborough Natural Networks partnership and contribute to the	Where PCC owned or managed land forms part of a wildlife corridor its	Site and works required (Habitat Networks)	Financial implication	Threat to delivery of a habitat network which will be resistant to climate	
	achievement of a coherent and less fragmented network of habitats across the authority area; which will be robust to the effects of and facilitate adaptation to climate change by species and habitats.	management will aim to facilitate its role as a part of the ecological network it is part of.	Extension to management employed on Southey Lodge Road Verge County Wildlife Site to link this with Sutton Heath and Bog SSSI and grassland at Upton which would form the PCC part of a possible link to Castor Hanglands SSSI.	Management of 7000 m of road verge in line with that used for a CWS road verges (with additional cut at beginning of year) is estimated to cost £2604 PA. Signage for verge £260.	change.	Highways/ Peterborough City Services
			Change in management of road verge of Main Street south of Southorpe to replicate that employed on road verge CWS. This would link a number of grasslands to Sutton Heath and Bog SSSI and contribute to a much improved link with Sutton Meadows North CWS	Change in Management of 6000 m of road verge in line with that used for a CWS road verges (with additional cut at beginning of year) is estimated to cost £2232 PA.		Highways/ Peterborough City Services

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		and Sutton Disused Railway CWS.	Signage for verge: £176		
		Extension to management employed on Bedford Purlieus/Wittering Road Verge County Wildlife Site to link this with Wittering Valley CWS.	Change in Management of 2000 m road verge in line with that used for a CWS road verges (with additional cut at beginning of year) is estimated to cost £744 PA.		Highways/ Peterborough City Services
		Extension to management employed on Stamford etc Road Verge County Wildlife Site to the north to link this with Ring and Bailey Meadow CWS as well as the east coast mainline and therefore Marholm Crossing CWS and Bainton Pits CWS.	Change in Management of 3400 m of road verge in line with that used for a CWS road verges (with additional cut at beginning of year) is estimated to cost £1265 PA. Signage for verge: £304		Highways/ Peterborough City Services
		Extension to management employed on Stamford etc road verge County Wildlife Site to the south to link this with Ailsworth Marsh and	Change in Management of 2100 m of road verge in line with that used for a CWS road verges		Highways/ Peterborough City Services

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		Green Lane CWS and the PCC part of a possible link to Ailsworth Meadow South.	(with additional cut at beginning of year) is estimated to cost £782 PA.		
Work with Natural England to further the conservation and enhancement of Sites of Special Scientific Interest.	Secure funding for enhancement works and SSSI specific management for the PCC owned part of the Orton Pit SSSI.	Sites of Special Scientific Interest This is the only PCC owned SSSI and consists of part of the treebelt which runs along the southern edge of the Fletton Parkway. Woodland grant scheme could be sought to cover a significant proportion of SSSI specific works within the Treebelt. Other opportunities to assist Natural England with the conservation and enhancement of SSSIs should also be supported. This may for example include efforts to create habitat links to connect SSSIs within the wider landscape as outlined under specific action 3 above.	This is estimated to be likely to cost up to £10,000, however up to 80% of the cost of works could be sought through a woodland grant from the Forestry Commission. This is none the less a statutory requirement of the authority under S28 G of the Wildlife and Countryside act.	Failure to comply with the authorities legal duty with respect to SSSIs.	Tree and Woodland Team/ Peterborough City Services

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		Continue to work with Natural England as their role as statutory adviser in planning and development matters pertaining to SSSIs.	Such as strategic planning which may affect SSSIs as well as specific development proposals.	This is an existing duty in the planning system and can continue to be delivered providing that existing resources are maintained.	Failure to comply with the authorities legal duty with respect to SSSIs, national, regional and local planning policy.	Planning Department and Planning Policy
5	Work with the Wildlife Trust and Local Sites partnership to further the conservation and enhancement of Local Wildlife Sites. Also to ensure that up-to-date information is available for all local wildlife sites in Peterborough and work with partners to deliver the targets of the Local Area Agreement and Community Strategy with respect to Local Wildlife Sites.	See below.	Survey of County Wildlife Sites Re-survey of all wildlife sites in the Peterborough area is in part covered under a service level agreement between the Wildlife Trust and the City Council.	The achievement of the approach is currently being achieved within existing resources (£4600 PA). This can continue providing that this resourcing is maintained.	Failure to achieve LAA target in respect of CWS.	Natural Environment Team /Planning Policy
6	Contributes to Local Sites part of the approach outlined	All PCC County Wildlife Sites to be positive	County Wildlife Site and works required	Financial implication	Failure to deliver a key part of the authorities	

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above but requires separate detailed consideration.	management to conserve and where possible enhance the site for the criteria for which they are designated CWS.	Eye Green gravel pit: Maintain existing management by the Wildlife Trust on behalf on the City Council and maintain infrastructure as required.	Maintain existing resource allocation.	biodiversity duty. Also failure to contribute to the achievement of the LAA target on those sites actually managed by the City Council.	Recreation Services/ Peterborough City Services
		The Boardwalks: Maintain existing management and seek external funding for restoration and habitat creation works as well as works to paths and signage. In the longer term investigate a similar arrangement with the Wildlife Trust as at Eye Green.	Maintain existing resource allocation and seek funding for additional works. This will require the City Council to make available 10% match funding. It is estimated that up to £50,000 is required to bring this site properly up to Local Nature Reserve standard. An agreement with the wildlife trust could cost up to £4000 per year to manage the Boardwalks LNR.		Recreation Services/ Peterborough City Services

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		Debdale pond: Maintain existing management.	Maintain existing resource allocation.		Recreation Services/ Peterborough City Services
		Broadway Cemetery: Maintain existing management.	Maintain existing resource allocation.		Bereavement Services/ Peterborough City Services
		Wildlife Site status is currently incompatible with the ongoing burials at this site. Works with respect to the wildlife site are therefore not compatible with the sites primary function. It is therefore likely to be dedesignated following a final resurvey.	N/A		Bereavement Services/ Peterborough City Services
		City managed ancient woodland: O Pocock's Wood. O Grimeshaw Wood, Highlees Spinney,	Maintain existing resource allocation and seek funding for additional works. Considerable additional funding will		Tree and Woodland Team/ Peterborough City Services

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			Onsite signing of CWS road verges to assist PCC staff, contractors and utilities companies.	Estimated to cost £2500.		
			In recognition of its forthcoming designation as a County Wildlife Site to add 1400 metres of verge at the south end of Highfield Road (700m of road length) to the County Wildlife Site management specification for road verges. For this 1400m of verge this would include the proposed additional cut at the beginning of each year, cutting and removal of cuttings at the end of the year and appropriate signage.	Cost of annual maintenance: £521 Signage of new County Wildlife Site: £170		Highways/ Peterborough City Services
7	Take action to deal with invasive non native species where these are present on sites of wildlife importance; or where they are on land in the authorities control and	Employ best practice procedures to deal with invasive non native species on sites of wildlife importance; or where these are on land in the	Invasive species which are problematic in the Peterborough area and on sites managed by the authority include: Japanese Knotweed Giant Hogweed	The Boardwalks LNR is the only known site to which this policy would currently be applicable with the presence of orange balsam and Japanese knotweed.	These are not species that the City Council as a responsible land manager should tolerate, particularly on an LNR. Unless Japanese knotweed	All

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threaten habitats and species of importance or the coherence of habitat networks.	authorities control and threaten habitats and species of importance or the coherence of habitat networks. Otherwise the occurrence of invasive non native weed species should be reported by PCC officers where this is observed as a result of carrying out their normal duties.	Orange Balsam The authority should also be on its guard against other problem species such as: Himalayan Balsam New Zealand pygmyweed Parrots feather Training in the recognition of these species should be organised for non specialist employees/contractors as required.	Efforts to control orange balsam at the Boardwalks LNR are currently being achieved within existing resources through works undertaken by the Peterborough Conservation Volunteers on behalf on the City Council. Resourcing of these efforts will need to continue.	is treated it will spread within the site and cost more to deal with in the future treat.	

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				The treatment of Japanese knotweed might be included in a bid for external funding. However the cost of treating is estimated to cost £600 for the approx 600 sq metres present at the Boardwalks LNR and may need to be dealt with separately to an external funding bid. This estimate is based upon a case study from Swansea where this species has been particularly problematic.		Peterborough City Services
8	Ensure that biodiversity is protected and enhanced within the planning system within Peterborough and deliver the key principals for biodiversity set out in	Planning related departments of the City Council to continue to work with internal advisers, conservation bodies and local groups with respect to the production o a Local	Planning Training as outlined in respect of specific action 1 in this table is also relevant in this respect.	Currently being achieved through existing resources. This includes keeping the key environmental characteristics of the Authority area under review in order to be	Failure to comply with the authorities legal duty with respect to Biodiversity as well as national, regional and local planning policy and legislation.	Planning

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national planning guidance.	Development Framework and also specific development proposals.		able to progress a Local Development Framework and also contribute to an annual monitoring report on the Local Development Framework. The monitoring of barn owls to the East of Peterborough has proved important in this respect (cost £2395 PA) and in the authorities ability to consider major road and wind farm applications. County wildlife site monitoring as well as the working relationship with the Biological Records Centre also have a key role in the ability of the authority to comply with these requirements.		

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			costs should be acknowledged as a possibility via this change in management. The possibility of the creation of new purpose designed sites and habitats for wildlife and people should not be ruled out nor should the potential role of the PCC Agricultural Estate.			
10		Biodiversity should be incorporated into all landscape management contracts.	Landscape contracts The Best Value review of Contract Services considered the Biodiversity impact of all activities carried out, including grass cutting regimes, weed control and pesticide use.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.		All
11		Production of management plans for open spaces as has been done for Central Park. In the context of the above, where appropriate	Greenspace Management plans In consultation with relevant departments within the City Council and local residents and user groups. It should be recognised that works that	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.		All

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		incorporate differential grass cutting regimes in parks, verges and large open spaces.	are required on the grounds of Health and Safety take precedence over the needs of wildlife. This could however form part of the approach to PCCs creation of links within the habitat network discussed in line three above.			
12		Hedges and Shrubs The loss of hedges and shrubs will be resisted unless there are sound horticultural or other reasons to indicate otherwise e.g. disease, structural damage or the shrubs are due for replacement.				All
		Where it is appropriate consideration will be made for the gradual replacement of non-	For example where suitable native species can be selected to provide a similar landscape function.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.		All

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		against the part of	Specific Actions required	•		
		the approach to which they	to achieve this			
		contribute)				
		native species with				
		native species.				
13		Give explicit support	Community Projects	Currently being	Threat to delivery of	All
		for small-scale	The mineral of leaster of	achieved through	an important part of	
		community wildlife schemes, including	The principle of leasing of certain areas to some bodies	existing resources under the 2004	the already existing Biodiversity	
		encouraging	(e.g., Eye Green Local	Biodiversity Strategy.	Strategy.	
		community	Nature Reserve to the			
		management of	Wildlife Trust) has been	Current resourcing of		
		existing landscaping	established but could be	PCC Natural		
		where requested	expanded to include leasing	Environment Grant		
		and appropriate.	some open spaces to	Scheme is £3500 PA.		
			residents associations and			
			Parish Councils with some			
			delegated budgets for management. Further work			
			with bodies such as Natural			
			England and Wildlife Trust			
			would be needed to develop			
			and encourage these			
			schemes. Support for small-			
			scale community wildlife			
			schemes is also provided			
			through the Natural			
			Environment project grant	Cumport to a resident		
			scheme (sometimes known	Support to a project such as Access to		
			locally as parish Environment	Nature is likely to cost		
			grants) and Peterborough in Bloom Project Grants.	approximately £3000		
			DIOUTH FTOJECT Grafits.	approximately £3000		

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			PCC support of projects such as Nature in Your Neighbourhood and any successor projects such as Access to Nature would be relevant in this respect.	PA and could be accommodated within existing resources.		
14		Recognise the role of allotments and cemeteries in promoting Biodiversity.	Allotments and Cemeteries For example: Opportunities should be taken where there is local support for the utilisation of disused allotments and closed cemeteries for promoting wildlife habitats. Allotments and cemeteries that are in use have a part to play with respect to Biodiversity. This is not intended to be in conflict with their operating requirements. Initiatives such as biodiversity guidance for allotment holders should continue.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.	Threat to delivery of an important part of the already existing Biodiversity Strategy.	Peterborough City Services and Bereavement Services

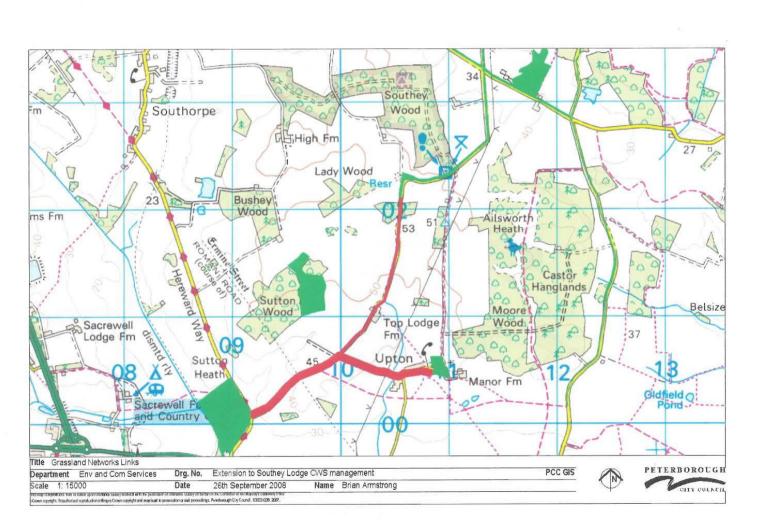
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15	understanding and enjoyment of Peterborough's wildlife through formal and informal education and interpretation, and events such as Peterborough's annual Green Festival.	Support initiatives to encourage wildlife friendly gardening, recognising the increasing amount of land devoted to this usage.	For example via Peterborough in Bloom.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.	Threat to delivery of an important part of the already existing Biodiversity Strategy.	All
16	Also promote active interest and involvement in wildlife issues at the local, national and international levels by all sections of the community at home, in the workplace, as a leisure activity and as part of the local economy.	With partners investigate the reinstatement a Peterborough Wildlife Group or Wildlife forum.	Support of Wildlife/Voluntary Groups At a recent urban wildlife meeting with local wildlife groups; support was voiced for the possibility of bringing back the Urban Wildlife Group for Peterborough. Also see action above under broad approach 8 to give explicit support for small-	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.	Threat to delivery of an important part of the already existing Biodiversity Strategy.	Natural Environment Team/All
17	Assist local voluntary wildlife groups in their aims of protecting wildlife and promoting interest in conservation.		scale community wildlife schemes, including encouraging community management of existing landscaping where requested and appropriate.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.	Threat to delivery of an important part of the already existing Biodiversity Strategy.	All

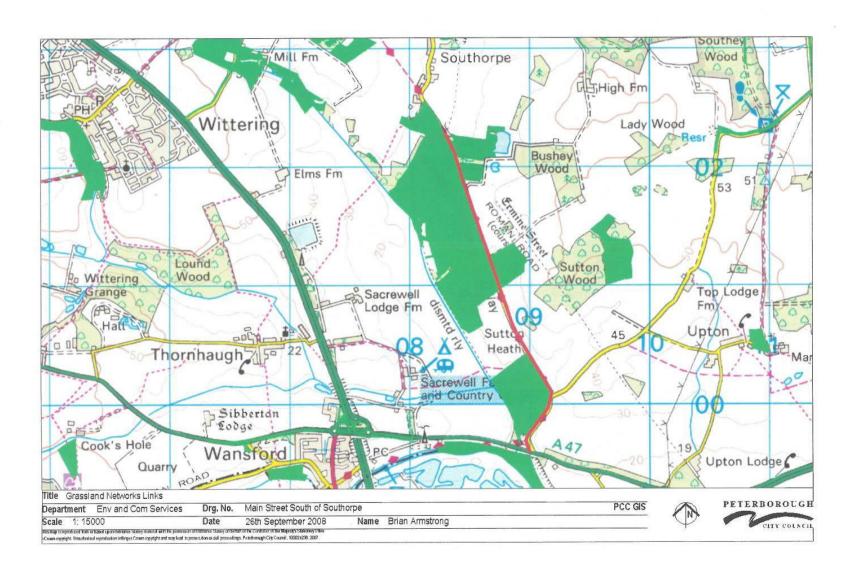
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18	Contribute to the achievement of the Biodiversity Action Plan Targets relevant to the authorities functions and area (please see appendix C). To continue to support the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Partnership.	Establish measurable annual targets for the creation of new areas of wildlife interest.	Biodiversity Action Plan Targets/Partnership Including tree/shrub planting and woodland creation – both through the City Councils own land management and its role as a planning authority. The Natural Networks partnership is investigating how the targets from the Green Grid Strategy, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Action Plan and Peterborough Environment Audit can be brought together as one set of targets for Peterborough. If this were achieved it may be possible to further extract a set of targets for the City Council.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the PCC 2004 Biodiversity Strategy. (£3000 PA contribution to the Biodiversity Partnership).	Threat to delivery of a key part of the already existing Biodiversity Strategy.	All
19	Ensure that up to date biodiversity data is available and used appropriately to support this approach.	Continue to support the Biological Records Centre for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.	A Biological Records Centre is essential to enable effective and efficient management of biological and ecological data about	Currently being achieved through existing resources (£6780 PA) under the 2004 Biodiversity	Critical to support the delivery of the biodiversity strategy and compliance with biodiversity duty as	Natural Environment Team/Planning and Planning Policy

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			Peterborough, but would be financially unsustainable if developed just for the Peterborough area. This data is a pre-requisite to the planning, implementation and monitoring of Biodiversity gain, as well as the achievement of more sustainable patterns of development. Effective management of biological data is also essential to the monitoring of the success or otherwise of the targets set out in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Action Plan.	Strategy.	well as planning related elements of the City Councils functions.	
20	Contributes to the vision and approach overall.	Give particular emphasis to the protection of ancient and semi-natural habitats through all the City Council's activities.	Ancient Habitats For example ancient woodland and veteran trees.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.	Critical to achieving significant elements of the biodiversity strategy and compliance with biodiversity duty.	All
21	Contributes to the delivery of the vision, approach and specific targets overall.	Investigate and exploit external funding opportunities for creating and	External Funding While much can be achieved by the City Council, this should be viewed as	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004	Critical to achieving significant elements of the biodiversity strategy.	All

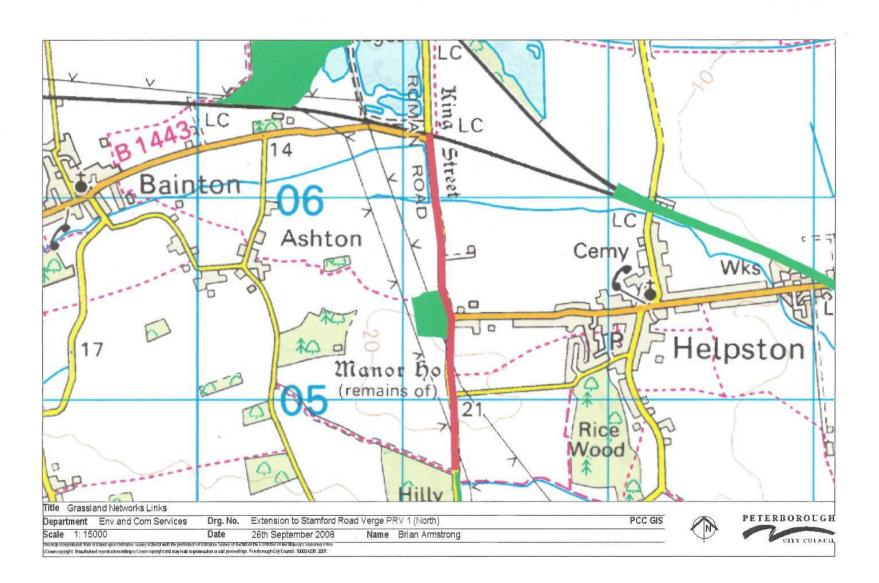
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		enhancing the Biodiversity value of City Council managed land. For example from Forestry Commission, Natural England, landfill tax or aggregates levy.	essential to achieving many of the above actions listed above and in particular those listed under.	Biodiversity Strategy.		
22	Contributes to the vision and approach overall.	Continue to review the use of pesticides (including fungicides and herbicides) in the City Council's land management.	Pesticides Such that their use is consistent, minimised and very carefully targeted in line with COSHH regulations requirements.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.	Failure to comply with legal COSHH requirements.	All

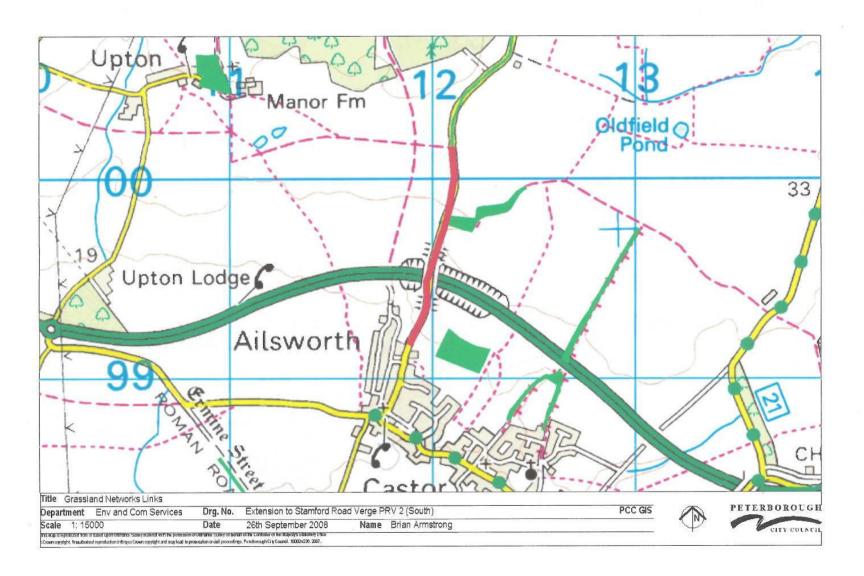
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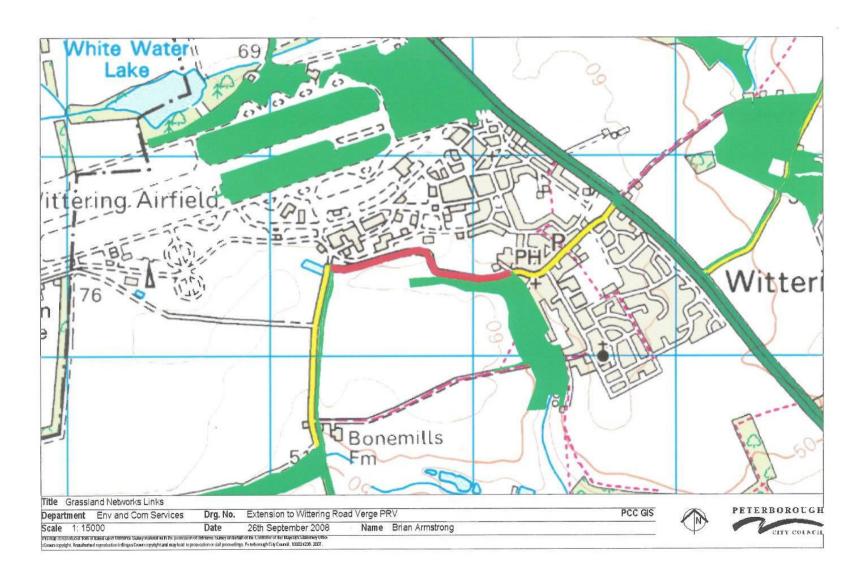




Diagrams to show potential extensions to CWS standard Road verge maintenance (red) to reflect designation of new CWS and create habitat linkages between existing sites (green)







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