

Appendix C - Consultation Responses

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1.0.4	The species found in point 1.0.2 would extend into Rockingham Forest - I think therefore that "different characteristics" is inaccurate.	Noted	Text changed to reflect this information
1.0.7	Clarification of what "sustainability" refers to?	Clarification now included within introduction.	Text addition.
1.0.8	The 2nd sentence should be expanded upon and re-worded - other benefits include:- aesthetic improve visual environment, break monotony, provide shade and shelter precipitation interception, provide a recreational facility amenity, woodland screening / hedging soften rather than screen demarcation, roads / pedestrians, different properties, traffic calming, wind reduction, shelterbelts, windbreaks, noise deflection barrier planting, security particulate, pollution filtration, interception, improvement of atmosphere, soil stabilisation, drainage, highlight / frame views commemoration, individual trees, woodland burials attract wildlife	Noted. Paragraph removed and benefits enhanced in section 1.3.	Text amended.
1.2.1	National average for tree cover was 11.6% in 2003 (FC RIN)"3% of the District is covered by woodland" based on what facts?	Data researched and amended.	Amended text.
1.0.3	There is little change between the edge of the Fens and Rockingham Forest in terms of species, all of the above species are common.	Noted. Paragraph re-worded.	Text amended.
1.0.6	Clarification of sustainability	Noted. Definition introduced within the introduction.	Text incorporated.

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1.0.9	The 2nd sentence needs to be removed and or expanded upon. Trees offer many more benefits than just improving mental health. For example: aesthetic, improve visual environment, break monotony, provide shade and shelter precipitation interception provide a recreational facility, amenity woodland screening / hedging soften rather than screen demarcation - roads / pedestrians, different properties, traffic calming, wind reduction - shelterbelts, windbreaks noise deflection barrier planting, security particulate pollution filtration, interception, improvement of atmosphere, soil stabilisation, drainage highlight / frame views commemoration - individual trees, woodland burials attract wildlife	The many benefits of trees are noted. This document aims to highlight some such benefits within section 1.3 however it can not be an exhaustive list.	Text amended to remove sentence.
1.2.2	Add Oak to urban wood description. Life expectancy comments unsubstantiated.	It is agreed that Oak does exist within the Urban woodland however the paragraph has been amended to focus on the dominance of species within such locations only.	Text amended throughout section.
1.4.3	The last three sentences need to be addressed through education.	The entire section has now been reworded following consultation. Appendix 1 has also been added to clearly explain the Council's operational guidelines in respect to commonly made enquiries.	Text amended.
1.4.4	Needs to be re-written in a more sensitive manner, this wording could induce panic!	Noted	Text changed to reflect this concern
1.4.6	Last sentence - create a city of shrubs?! This is about correct species selection really.	Noted	Sentence removed in amended text.
3.1.8	3.1.7 & 3.1.8 - not Arboriculture for woodlands - Silviculture. Needs re-wording.	It was agreed that the wording of this section was misleading and thus it was necessary to adjust the text.	Text amended.
4.0.2	Last sentence - change to - when appropriate the Council will protect trees using TPOs if the trees are identified as being	It is agreed that this wording could be amended for clarity. Often many high value trees remain unprotected when there are no identified threat.	Text amended

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4.1.5	Needs to be "joined up" approach with Climate Change Strategy - consideration has to be given to species selection regarding potential for global warming and "exotic" pests and diseases. For example, we already have OPM - this has the potential to alter British landscapes if Oak is not planted, also Oak require sub-zero temps for seed to be viable. There is currently no mention of trees in the Climate Change Strategy.	Noted.	No text amendment.
4.1.10	Beech trees only native to southern England.	Removed from strategy.	Text amended.
4.1.9	4.1.8 & 4.1.9 - not just leaf miner - also bleeding canker.	Paragraph removed in re-draft.	Text amended.
4.1.11	Inaccurate statement - 200 tonnes is for old-growth woodland over the life of a crop. 100 tonnes is more accurate. Check PCC output figures are correct?	Noted. Data checked and amended.	Text amended.

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5.1.4	<p>HSE advice lifted straight from the HSE web site below - suggest summarising this and replacing text in Strategy. i. An overall assessment of risks from trees, particularly identifying groups of trees by their position and degree of public access. This will enable the risks associated with tree stocks to be prioritised, and help identify any checks or inspections needed. As a minimum, trees should be divided into two zones: one zone where there is frequent public access to trees (e.g. in and around picnic areas, schools, children's playgrounds, popular foot paths, car parks, or at the side of busy roads); and a second zone where trees are not subject to frequent public access. As a rough guide trees subject to frequent public access^{€™} are those that are closely approached by many people every day. Maps may be useful here as individual records for individual trees are unlikely to be necessary if zones and the trees in the zones are clearly defined. ii. For trees in a frequently visited zone, a system for periodic, proactive checks is appropriate. This should involve a quick visual check for obvious signs that a tree is likely to be unstable and be carried out by a person with a working knowledge of trees and their defects, but who need not be an arboricultural specialist. Informing staff who work in parks or highways as to what to look for would normally suffice. Duty holders should ensure that any system that is put in place for managing tree safety is properly applied and monitored. iii. A short record of when an area or zone or occasionally an individual tree has been checked or inspected with details of any defects found and action taken. iv. A system for obtaining specialist assistance / remedial action when a check reveals defects outwith the experience and knowledge of the person carrying out the check. v. A system to enable people to report damage to trees, such as vehicle collisions,</p>	<p>Noted. It was considered that the existing text should remain and the principles detailed within the response added throughout the redrafting of the strategy.</p>	<p>Text amendment.</p>

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	<p>and to trigger checks following potentially damaging activities such as work by the utilities in the vicinity of trees or severe gales.</p> <p>vi. Occasionally a duty holder may have responsibility for trees that have serious structural faults but which they decide to retain. Where such a condition is suspected and the tree also poses a potentially serious risk because, for example its proximity to an area of high public use, a specific assessment for that tree and specific management measures, are likely to be appropriate.</p> <p>vii. Once a tree has been identified by a check to have a structural fault that presents an elevated risk, action should be planned and taken to manage the risk. Any arboricultural work required should be carried out by a competent arboriculturist, as such work tends to present a relatively high risk to the workers involved. Duty holders should not be encouraged to fell or prune trees unnecessarily.</p> <p>viii. Inspection of individual trees will only be necessary where a tree is in, or adjacent to, an area of high public use, has structural faults that are likely to make it unstable and a decision has been made to retain the tree with these faults.</p> <p>ix. Monitoring to ensure that the arrangements are implemented in practice.</p>		
5.2.3	Poorly written - "arboriculturalist" should be changed to individual if referring to woodlands as well. Drop the 5837 reference.	Agreed that sentence required redrafting.	Text amended.
5.2.5	Software also allows for more accurate budget control and resource management.	Suggested amendment agreed	Text amended.
Policy CTWG 1	What does 'establishment directed' mean?	It was agreed that further clarity was required within the policy and thus it was subsequently redrafted.	Text amended.
Priorities for CWTG 5	Tree Wardens already in existence	Confirmed. The drafting error is accepted and the wording amended accordingly.	Text amended.

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Priorities for CWTG 6	Veteran Trees need alluding to.	Noted. The Council understand the importance of such trees and cover their protection within the Landmark tree section.	No text amendment.
6.2.4	Incorrect statement?	Statement corrected.	Text amended.
6.3.2	This statement should not be in a Strategic document.	Noted and removed	Text removed.
6.3.5	These need re-writing, particularly RA 1.1 & 1.2	Some further clarity has been introduced within the redrafting of these priorities.	Text amended.
6.5.4	Only indicate that the woodlands need to be covered by Management Plans following Industry Best Practice.	Noted. Text redrafted.	Text amended.
Policy CW 1	Define/measure sustainability?	Noted. Defined in introduction.	Text amended.
Priorities for CW 1	In an ideal world, these targets are fine, but in the current economic climate, unrealistic. Suggest these headings are left sufficiently open to interpretation. If the budget is not available, then these "ideals" cannot be met.	Noted. The wording of the priorities has been amended to allow flexibility within the delivery, owing to potential resource implications.	Text amended.

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Policy UW 1	<p>As far as I am aware, we do not have an Urban Woodland Management Plan. The shelterbelts will be the biggest challenge in terms of management due to current stocking densities, access, age & location. At around 30 yrs old, these belts should have been thinned at least 10 yrs ago, due to the high densities most of the trees are whippy and thin, any thinning will result in large numbers of trees succumbing to the effects of windthrow. Due to the location of these belts and access problems, H&S would make any such operation virtually impossible. The timber has no commercial value due to the size of the trees, volume, access and H&S issues. Thinning to waste would be a solution, providing some benefit in terms of deadwood habitat, but this would create huge operational cost implications, aside from the H&S aspect. The only real low cost solution that would also be environmentally acceptable would be to coppice these belts, a rotation length and coup size would need to be decided upon. The H&S aspect would still however need to be addressed. The initial cuts would leave large piles of timber on the ground which would need to be considered in terms of risk to the highway and anti-social behaviour. Removing these piles would be costly. Once into a rotation however the material cut would subsequently be less of a problem. An arbitrary 10 year coppice cycle would be a sensible approach with selective stems retained as an overstorey. An example of how successful this is can be seen in Svenskaby in Orton Wistow.</p>	<p>Noted. The Council agree with the comment raised and it is hoped that with the intended proactive management envisaged that the Urban Woodland Management Plan may contain such suggestions.</p>	<p>Text amended.</p>

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Priorities for UW 1	I would suggest that these priorities are removed. There needs to be an over-arching policy statement that covers (not sure if I put this on section 6.5 and can't open to read it again!) shelterbelts and woodland, this would cover aims, objectives and sustainability ideals. This policy statement would be rather meaningless if produced without knowing what is in these blocks. It is not possible to use the headings below for all the blocks/belts for example - continuous cover principles are complex, management is expensive and to practice this form of management an acquired level of knowledge, skill and understanding of silviculture is required. PCC does not have that resource. Management plans need to be produced for each woodland block and shelterbelt based on their current condition and make up considering all environmental aspects, location, constraints & opportunities.	Noted. The formulation of management plans will enable the Local Authority to determine the suitability of which priorities to apply. The text has been redrafted to demonstrate this consideration.	Text amended.
Priorities for VR 1	1.1 frequency yet to be determined	Noted. Reference to exact frequency removed.	Text amended.
Priorities for PT 5	5.1 - remove, cover in next section	Change accepted.	Text amended.
	At the recent PC meeting it was resolved to submit the following response to the strategy as a whole: 'Whilst this is a good piece of work it contains too many generalities, lacks any real bite and totally fails to provide a clear action plan with associated milestones'.	Noted. It is hoped that the amendments to the strategy will provide greater direction while associated Neighbourhood plans and Risk Management Strategies will provide clear milestones and actions.	Text amended throughout.
7.1	Section 7 needs re-writing as it is badly written, it is disjointed and some of the statements are incorrect. The reference to BS5837 needs to be presented factually and methodically without subjective comments. Reference also needs to be made to internal applications with regards to setting the standard for all planning apps.	Redrafted for clarity.	Text amended.
7.2.1	Sentence 2 refers only to Cons Areas. Needs to be removed or re-written.	Re-drafted for clarity.	Text amended.

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7.2.8	Re-write	Agreed. Redrafted	Text amended.
7.2.10	Free advice to Cons/TPO/DC/Hedges only	Noted. Text amended for clarity.	Text amended.
7.2.12	3998:2010	Noted. Updated	Text amended.
7.2.13	Needs re-writing	Noted. Paragraph redrafted for clarity.	Text amended.
Policy PP 1	Re-word 2nd & 3rd sentences to reflect difference between TPO/Cons and process.	Noted. Policy amended to reflect difference.	Text amended.
Priorities for PP 1	1.1 - where appropriate 1.2 - wording - 'consent' - Cons Area needs to be referenced. 1.8 - remove?	Noted. Amendments agreed.	Text amended.
8.0.7	Last sentence - FC do the EWGS	Noted. Text amended for clarity	Text amended.
	c1, 1 & u2 need to mirror detail in main strategy	Noted. The summary of policies now mirror the main strategy.	Text amended as appropriate.
	TD 1 needs re-writing in line with BS5837 PP1 needs re-writing	Noted. The section has been re-drafted to aid clarity.	Text amended
	Daylight loss needs re-writing. Not sure that the reasoning is sound. Drains needs to be assessed on a case by case basis. Highways statement needs to be based on the correct Highways Act Sections e.g. 136, 154	Noted. These operational guidelines are currently considered to be clear however the current contractor may wish to add further clarity as these standards are operated.	No text change currently made.

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	General comments. This document struggles to maintain it's strategic purpose in places, there are subjective comments, obvious mistakes and sweeping statements. Without some fundamental changes, this document is not worth the paper it is written on and as is, merely 'serves the purpose' of PCC being able to proclaim that they now have a Strategy. Before this strategic document is ratified, in whatever form, it is important for officers and members to be sure that the document can be financed, resourced and delivered. As is, the current financial climate will prohibit many of the ideals within this paper which will ultimately lead to failure. Members and senior staff need to recognise that PCC have staff with the specialist skills required to deliver a meaningful Strategy and should rely on this expertise to guide, advise and ultimately prepare a finished document that is meaningful. It is important that this strategy is a 'real' document to those who will be responsible for implementing it. Too often, strategies can be unrealistic and undeliverable.	Noted. The strategy has been amended with the aim to provide clarity and direction throughout. The detailed financial implications of the strategy have been considered and has resulted in a capacity bid going into the forthcoming financial year.	Amendments made throughout document
1.0.1	Suggest re-wording: "Peterborough contains a number of contrasting and many distinctive landscapes including Fenlands, Claylands, River Valleys, Gravels and Limestone, as identified in the Cambridgeshire Landscape Guidelines (1991)".	Noted. Section re-worded yet suggestion not used.	Entire section re-worded.
1.0.3	Suggest re-wording; "To the west of the city the land becomes more undulating and forms the eastern extent of the Rockingham Forest character area. There are frequent ancient woodlands, many of which are of high nature-conservation interest are attractive landscape features in their own right. Fields and roads are bound with treed hedgerows which link a patchwork of woods".	Noted. Suggested amendment accepted.	Text amended

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1.3.4	I think the trees on our network of parkways are some of the finest around and maintenance and replacement when required is a must to preserve the beauty we are so privileged to have.	Noted. The supportive comments are welcome and the strategy aims to provide the direction to preserve and maintain these assets.	No text change required.
4.0.3	A new update of our trees in Eye is long overdue	Noted. The strategy aims to survey the Council owned trees within the village as part of its pro-active management system.	No text amendment.
4.2.3	I think certain areas in Eye could benefit from more hedgerows following a survey for suitability	Noted. The Council support the proposals for more hedgerows within the village of Eye yet consider that this falls outside the scope of the Strategy. The Natural Environment Small Grant Scheme is considered to be an ideal opportunity to assist funding hedgerow planting opportunities delivered through the Parish or Community Groups.	No text amendment.
1.1	There are a number of instances of errors in the text/poor grammar which weaken the impact of the document.	Noted. An attempt has been made to remove all such mistakes.	Amendments made throughout document.
1.0.7	Text appears incomplete or meaningless?	Noted. Re-drafted entire section.	Text amended.
1.4.2	What dilemma? Only one?	Noted. Sentence removed within re-drafting section.	Text amended
1.0.10	This refers to 'its trees and woodlands' as though it only relates to PCC. There is lack of clarity as to what this document is intended to cover.	Noted. The introduction has been expanded to more clearly define the strategies main aims.	Addition text added to introduction.
2.0.1	Surely there must be a real vision for the Woodland Strategy which fits with Peterborough's aspiration to be an Environment Capital? As written this is non-specific and uninspiring	Noted. The strategy has been amended to provide a clearer vision on its aspirations to become Environment Capital whilst fulfilling our legal duties in respect to tree management.	Text amended throughout document.
2.1.2	How do inspections and maintenance enhance diversity?	Noted. It is agreed that the sentence does not make sense .	Text amended to provide clarity.

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2.1.1	i.e. should presumably be e.g.? What about developers, private land owners and parish councils as further examples	Noted. Example now removed as it was considered inappropriate within a policy.	Text amended
2.1.3	This implies there is an unstated aim to comply with PCC's legal duties and attend to resident's concerns. There is a complex balance to be struck between amenity / safety / biodiversity and other issues which isn't well reflected and it doesn't just affect PCC owned trees!	Noted. The wording of the paragraph was considered weak and thus expanded to offer clarity and a more detailed aim.	Text amended.
2.0.3	Woodland population implies people living in the woods! This just seems to lack any conviction. What about the Forest for Peterborough? Environment Capital?	Noted. Text amended to avoid confusion. The word 'resource' has been substituted.	Text amended

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	<p>There seems to have been a failure to identify the issues and then consider options to address those issues. Issues which spring to mind: Distinction between PCC's role as owner of trees, its enforcement duties as planning authority and its role as a funder of projects. Aspiration to be Environment Capital. Creation of more woodland (Forest for Peterborough) and amenity planting (not necessarily the same thing). Management of existing woodland and amenity plantings (Public/Private/Recent Developments). Lack of Management information about existing resource. Tension between screening development and impact on residents/buildings. Impact of change when correcting mistakes of the past. Funding. Distinction between policies for rural and urban woodland areas - woodland has different role to play depending on its context. Roadside trees and Highway safety. Safety of trees in other areas e.g. playgrounds, adj public Rights of Way. Tree safety inspection policy. Excessive screening causing security issues. Lack of public understanding re coppicing / pollarding / harvesting trees. Conflict between TPO's / Damage to Buildings / Tree Safety issues. Disease issues affecting tree species choice / use of imported trees and other plants. Measures to control / limit impact of disease spread. Use of contractors / in house staff to work on PCC's areas.</p>	<p>The concerns raised are welcomed. It is hoped that amendments to the strategy help to address some of these issues. Amendments have been made to more clearly define the Council's roles; enhanced reference to Environment Capital and Forest For Peterborough projects; the need for a Tree Safety Strategy; the use of wider public consultation/education; recommendations for using tree stock of local providence; the formulation of a pest and disease control strategy and an explanation of the current contract arrangements.</p>	<p>Text amended throughout.</p>
	<p>It would be helpful to clarify how this document sits in the context of the Local Development Plan. If completely outside are there policies within the LDP which are relevant to cross reference?</p>	<p>Noted. There are policies within the current LDF that protect, enhance and preserve the woodland within the city. It is considered that the Strategy should not aim to reiterate those policies with the planning policies document, instead they should support the strategic direct detailed within them.</p>	<p>No text amendment.</p>

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3.1.3	Currently reads: Partnerships can be guided by and qualify for funding from the Woodland Trust under the Space for People™ initiative. Suggest it should read: Partnerships can be guided by and qualify for funding from the Woodland Trust under the "Morewoods"™ scheme.	Noted. The proposed amendment is agreed and the text changed accordingly.	Text amended
3.2.1	CPRE Peterborough & Cambridgeshire feel that trees also play an important part in rural areas adding to their setting in the landscape.	Noted. The Local Authority agree with this statement and propose to include the following sentence: "Trees also form a defining role within our rural landscape character."	Text amended
4.0.2	CPRE Peterborough would encourage Peterborough City Council to involve local communities in TPO's as they can be divisive in rural communities.	It is not always considered appropriate to involve the community in the creation of new TPOs. It is however accept that wider consultation may sometimes be required. The addition of the following text is therefore suggested: "Where considered appropriate wider consultation, in excess of Trees Preservation Orders 'A guide to the Law and Good Practice', will be undertaken prior to confirmation".	Text amended as detailed
4.1.2	Peterborough Local Access Forum would like to ensure that public access is protected & enhanced where applicable.	The need to balance public access against conserving biodiversity is accepted by the authority. In order to strengthen this consideration reference has now been included within section 4.2.	Text amendment within section 4.2.
4.1.11	Glington & Peakirk Green Group would like to encourage Peterborough City Council to aim for a higher target for CO2 sequestration & suggest that offsetting may be a useful tool for encouraging private developers to plant more trees.	Noted. Data on carbon sequestration has been amended with new figures from Forest Research used within the strategy. Schemes to encourage developers to plant more trees may be considered when case studies demonstrate a proven incentive. Work of this nature is ongoing through the Forest for Peterborough project.	Data amended

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3.1.5	<p>The Woodland Trust urges you to adopt its Woodland Access Standard as an indicator or measure of success. Current figures are: Peterborough 9.2% of the population has access to a 2ha+ wood within 500m of their home. England 14.5% of the population has access to a 2ha+ wood within 500m of their home. UK 15.6% of the population has access to a 2ha+ wood within 500m of their home. The Woodland Trust would be pleased to see more access to woodland for the people of Peterborough and strongly supports your suggestion to plant new woodlands. The Woodland Trust has worked with many Local Authorities on woodland creation projects and would be pleased to work in partnership on this.</p>	<p>Although not formally adopting the Woodland Access Standard, the Strategy has been amended to demonstrate that the Council will endeavour to deliver on these targets.</p>	<p>Text amended to reference standards.</p>
Priorities for CWTG 6	<p>The Woodland Trust is pleased to see that you plan to sustain tree cover, however, we would encourage you to aim for an increase in tree cover. We would also encourage you to plant two trees for every one removed. This would allow for some young trees not surviving and would help move towards an increase in tree cover. The UK is one of the least wooded areas of Europe, with just 11.8% woodland cover compared to around 44% for Europe as a whole. The Woodland Trust is therefore working to achieve its ambitious aim of doubling native woodland cover by 2050.</p>	<p>The Council accept the need to encourage expanding tree cover and have thus strengthened the policy by including this within the draft.</p>	<p>Text amended</p>

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Priorities for POS 1	We would urge you to plant two trees for every one cleared. Rationale: The Woodland Trust believes that woodland creation is especially important because of the unique ability of woodland to deliver across a wide range of benefits“ see our publication Woodland Creation“ why it matters (http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/about-us/publications/Pages/ours.aspx). These include for both landscape and biodiversity (helping habitats become more robust to adapt to climate change, buffering and extending fragmented ancient woodland), for quality of life and climate change (amenity & recreation, public health, flood amelioration, urban cooling) and for the local economy (timber and woodfuel markets).	The Council support the proposal to expand tree cover however it is considered inappropriate to impose a two for one planting priority within the strategy. It is often considered that constraints may sometime prevent the full implementation of this suggested policy. Deviation from the strategy may then weaken the strength of the document and create wide spread devaluation of its content. Equally on certain occasions the council may wish to exceed the two for one proposals if appropriate.	No text amendment.
6.4.2	The Woodland Trust has recently launched a report entitled “Trees or Turf”™. The report can be downloaded from our website: http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/campaigning/our-views-and-policy/woods-for-people/Pages/treessavemoney.aspx The report shows that Local Authorities can actually save money by planting tress (as opposed to mown grass). This adds to the benefits already mentioned in this paragraph.	The Council welcome this research document and have now referenced it within this section of the strategy.	Additional text added.

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Priorities for CW 1	<p>The Woodland Trust suggests that an additional priority should be to ensure that ancient woodland is fully protected. Rationale: Ancient woodland (land that has been continually wooded since at least AD1600) is our richest habitat for wildlife being home to more species of conservation concern than any other habitat (supporting some 232 species as outlined in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan, 1994, almost twice as many species of conservation concern as any other habitat e.g. more than twice as many as chalk grassland and almost three times as many as lowland heathland. This is particularly relevant as ancient woodland is still facing considerable threats – research from the Woodland Trust shows that in the last decade 100 square miles (26,000 hectares or 5% of the total amount of ancient woodland remaining in the UK) of ancient woodland in the UK has come under threat from destruction or degradation. Development threats associated with transport and infrastructure appeared to be the most significant (31% of cases), followed by amenity and leisure developments (14%), housing (10%), and quarrying and mineral extraction (6%). The Government's recently published Natural Environment White Paper". The Natural Choice: securing the value of nature (HM Government, July 2011, para 2.56) states that: "The Government is committed to providing appropriate protection to ancient woodlands...." As an example of policy used by other local authorities, the Sheffield City Policies and Sites Consultation draft (http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/planning-and-city-development/planning-documents/sdf/city-policies-and-sites) states in Policy G3: "New developments will be required to include appropriate tree planting, to retain and integrate healthy, mature trees and hedgerows and replace any trees that need to be</p>	<p>The Council note the significance of ancient woodland however it is the Council's opinion unnecessary to include further priorities within this section as it is considered that the overarching policies contained within the document should ensure suitable protection. Creation and implementation of detailed management plans will equally ensure the ongoing protection of these assets. In addition LDF planning policy will provide further protection to these invaluable assets.</p>	No text change

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Priorities for VR 1	<p>removed. Development will not be permitted that would directly or indirectly damage existing mature or ancient woodland, veteran trees or ancient or species-rich hedgerows™.</p> <p>The Woodland Trust urges you not only to replace removed trees, but to increase tree cover. The Government launched The Big Tree Plant in December 2010. The Big Tree Plant is a campaign to encourage people and communities to plant more trees in England's towns, cities and neighbourhoods. The Big Tree Plant website states that: "Trees can make a street come to life, by attracting wildlife, changing colours throughout the seasons, and creating shade and shelter. They shield houses from traffic noise, can help save energy, and reduce the risk of flooding. The website goes on to say: "There is evidence that trees in cities can also help fight the effects of air pollution and climate change." http://thebigtreeplant.direct.gov.uk/whytreesmatter.html</p>	<p>The desire to expand tree cover is noted and thus VR1.2 has been amended to include reference to expanding tree coverage where appropriate.</p>	<p>Text in VR1.2 amended.</p>

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6.8.1	<p>We are concerned that the statement suggests that a decline in tree cover is inevitable. We strongly encourage you to ensure that tree cover in Peterborough increases, rather than decreases. Trees within our towns and cities provide a huge number of benefits and services as outlined in guidance produced by the Trees and Design Action Group - "No Trees, No Future™ (Trees and Design Action Group, 2010): There is a growing body of evidence that trees in urban areas bring a wide range of benefits.</p> <p>Economic benefits of urban trees: Trees can increase property values by 7-15 per cent. As trees grow larger, the lift they give to property values grows proportionately. They can improve the environmental performance of buildings by reducing heating and cooling costs, thereby cutting bills. Mature landscapes with trees can be worth more as development sites. Trees create a positive perception of a place for potential property buyers. Urban trees improve the health of local populations, reducing healthcare costs. Trees can enhance the prospect of securing planning permission. They can provide a potential long-term renewable energy resource. Social benefits of urban trees: Trees help create a sense of place and local identity. They benefit communities by increasing pride in the local area. They create focal points and landmarks. They have a positive impact on people's physical and mental health. They have a positive impact on crime reduction.</p> <p>Environmental benefits of urban trees: Urban trees reduce the 'urban heat island effect' of localised temperature extremes. They provide shade, making streets and buildings cooler in summer. They help remove dust and particulates from the air. They help to reduce traffic noise by absorbing and deflecting sound. They help to reduce wind speeds. By providing food and shelter for wildlife they help</p>	<p>It is considered appropriate that reference to the current situation regarding the decline in tree cover remains within the document. It is however considered that the Council's desire to maintain and expand tree cover are clearly defined. In addition a detailed budgetary bid will support this strategy to allow the current situation to be addressed and to allow a more pro-active form of management. The benefits of trees are noted and section 1.3 attempts to summarise these.</p>	<p>Text amended to set the scene within existing f</p>

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	increase biodiversity. They reduce the effects of flash flooding by slowing the rate at which rainfall reaches the ground. When planted on polluted ground they help improve its quality. [For research references see the full report: www.forestry.gov.uk/tdag]		

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6.8.4	<p>The Woodland Trust is concerned that a drop in tree cover is being considered. As mentioned previously, planting trees can actually save the City Council money (as opposed to mown grass) and also deliver a huge number of other benefits, both environmental and social. The Government's recently published Natural Environment White Paper. "The Natural Choice: securing the value of nature (HM Government, June 2011, para 1.8) states that: "...we must...increase the size of existing wildlife sites....create new sites... It also states in para 2.54: "We want to create more opportunities for planting productive and native woodlands; more trees in our towns, cities and villages". An important publication from the Forestry Commission, The Case for Trees in development and the urban environment (Forestry Commission, July 2010), sets out "The multiple value of trees for people and places "increasing greenspace and tree numbers is likely to remain one of the most effective tools for making urban areas more convivial, and lists (on p.10) the benefits as "Climate change contributions - Environment advantages - Economic dividends - Social benefits. The Woodland Trust believes that woodland creation is especially important because of the unique ability of woodland to deliver across a wide range of benefits" see our publication Woodland Creation" why it matters (http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/about-us/publications/Pages/ours.aspx). These include for both landscape and biodiversity (helping habitats become more robust to adapt to climate change, buffering and extending fragmented ancient woodland), for quality of life and climate change (amenity & recreation, public health, flood amelioration, urban cooling) and for the local economy (timber and woodfuel markets).</p>	<p>Reference to planting fewer trees has now been removed and the paragraph now clearly indicates that the Council will seek "opportunities to increase the size and distribution of the resource as an essential part of Peterborough's sustainable growth".</p>	Text amended

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Priorities for NRP 1	1.1: The Woodland Trust urges you to change the wording of this point to: To ensure that the current extent of tree coverage is increased. An important publication from the Forestry Commission, The Case for Trees in development and the urban environment (Forestry Commission, July 2010), sets out "The multiple value of trees for people and places "increasing greenspace and tree numbers is likely to remain one of the most effective tools for making urban areas more convivial", and lists (on p.10) the benefits as "Climate change contributions - Environment advantages - Economic dividends - Social benefits"	The importance of expanding tree coverage is noted by the authority and thus the wording of NRP1.1 has been amended to include the expansion of tree coverage as well.	Text amended.
6.9.2	The Woodland Trust would like to draw your attention to its free tree packs for schools. We would encourage you to alert your schools to this: http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/take-part/plant-trees/Pages/free-tree-hedge-pack.aspx	Noted. Reference to the scheme has now been included within section 6.9.	Text amended
Policy TD 1	We would urge you to include some additional wording: The Council will encourage woodland creation and tree planting in all new developments.	The Council support this suggested addition and acknowledge that benefits of tree planting opportunities within new developments.	Text amended in accordance with suggestion.
Priorities for PP 1	The Woodland Trust believes that ancient and veteran trees should be mentioned here and should be fully protected.	The Council agree the significance of ancient and veteran trees and as such includes reference to them within policy PP1.	Text amended.
4.2.4	Peterborough Local Access Forum would encourage PCC to work closely with landowners & Natural England to ensure public access to woodland areas.	Noted. It is agreed that the Council will need to work closely with landowners and Natural England to ensure a multi functional woodland is created. This work is hoped to be undertaken through the existing Local Access Forum and Natural Networks Partnership.	No text change.

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Priorities for CW 1	Glinton & Peakirk Green Group support the aims of this policy but would suggest that management plans could encourage more community involvement by allowing the use of wood cut by volunteers for use within the community. The areas of new woodland could be a valuable source of heating fuel using maintenance methods such as coppicing. Peterborough Local Access Forum support the importance of public access. Giving local woodland a function and encouraging regular leisure use can deter more anti-social uses such as flytipping.	Noted. Public access, community involvement and sustainability through optimisation of the use of timber and other products through tree management are clearly defined as priorities within the strategy.	No further text change.
Policy VR 1	CPRE support the involvement of local people in making decisions that affect the local landscape.	Noted. The Council have and will continue to encourage local people in making decisions that affect the local landscape. The inserted reference within section 6.7, regarding tree planting in response to the communities desire hopefully reinforces this commitment.	Text amended in 6.7 to enforce the involvem
7.1.3	Glinton & Peakirk Green Group would encourage the idea of offsetting the carbon footprint of new development with suitable tree planting.	Work is ongoing to investigate the benefits of carbon offsetting scheme through tree planting. Ongoing projects such as Forest for Peterborough and the Rockingham Forest for Life project will explore these opportunities further. These case studies can then be used to inform future revisions of this strategy.	No change to text.
7.2.2	Peterborough Local Access Forum can recommend the use of 'friends of' groups to ensure the wellbeing of woodland areas in both public & private ownership.	Noted. The Council would agree with this suggestion and have thus include reference to the use of friends groups within the paragraph.	Text amended
1.0.4	Suggest re-wording second sentence to: "As sea levels lowered and industrial drainage of the fens took place, impacts on the remaining areas of forest intensified".	Noted. It was agreed that the text required amendment however the suggested wording was not accepted. It is however considered that the essence of the suggested paragraph remains within the chosen wording.	Text amended.

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1.0.6	Suggest re-wording second sentence to "In the last thirty years this has grown to 160,000 with growth forecasts that it will reach 200,000 by 2020". This will inevitably place further pressure on the city's trees and woodlands, therefore it is essential that planned growth is achieved in a sustainable manner with woodlands viewed as an integral part of the city's future".	Noted. It was agreed that this paragraph required rewording to assist with clarity. Although amended the suggested wording was not accepted. It is however considered that the essence of the suggested paragraph remains within the chosen wording.	Text amended
1.0.8	Please also include other benefits from trees including environmental benefits, economic benefits, carbon sequestration/ climate change contributions.	Noted. These benefits are now included within section 1.3.	Amendments made to section 1.3 to expand th
1.0.9	Suggest removing the word "on" from first sentence.	Noted. Paragraph reworded.	Text amended
1.1.1	Suggest re-wording first sentence "15 years ago Peterborough was designated as one of four environment cities. The city is now committed to creating the UK's Environment Capital".	Noted. Improved worded accepted, however '15 years' was substituted with 'a year' to provide clarity in the future.	Text amended.
1.2.1	Please check the figure of 3% woodland cover for the city which seems very low. I believe it's closer to 8%.	The figures are taken from a Forestry Commission publication that details that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are one of the least wooded areas of the UK. The total area of woodland of 0.1ha and over is 12,325ha. This represents 3.6% of the county land area.	No amendment made.
1.3.3	Suggest referencing "The case for trees" FC doc for good, up to date examples of benefits.	Noted. This document was referenced and used to expand the entire section of the strategy.	Text amended and expanded within section.
1.3.9	Suggest re-wording and expanding these benefits as well as including offices too.	Noted. It was agreed that offices should also be included within this section. Rewording of the paragraph was undertaken to help expand the benefits and add clarity.	Text amended
1.3.10	Poorly explained paragraph. Suggest re-wording.	Noted. A slight re-wording of the paragraph was agreed to assist with the explanation of the paragraph.	Text amended

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1.4.5	Suggest adding examples of more appropriate tree species to last sentence.	It was considered that the wording of this entire section was poor and thus the entire section was re-worded to offer improved clarity. It was considered unnecessary within this strategic document to go into the detail of individual species selection.	Entire section re-worded
1.4.6	Concerned by wholesale use of "tall, evergreen shrubs" here. Suggest use of native species only.	On review it was considered that the paragraph was weakly worded and thus the entire paragraph was removed and the entire section re-worded. Section 6.5 aims to clearly state the Authorities intention to plant native trees of local provenance where appropriate.	Text removed and section re-worded.
4.1.11	Unclear what the purpose of this statement is. Rather than stating PCC trees hold less than 1% of city's carbon output, can this be re-worded to form a more positive statement about what the cities trees can provide?	Noted. The paragraph was totally removed from within the strategy. A more positive statement was introduced earlier within the section based on facts taken from the woodland for life website.	Text amended
4.2.1	Suggest complete re-wording "GI is a strategically planned and delivered network of high quality green spaces, designed and managed as a multi-functional resource, delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits. Trees and woodlands are a very important part of this and play a vital role in defining Peterborough as an environment city and its ambition to become the UK's Environment Capital".	Noted. The suggested wording for 4.2.1 was considered to be clearer than that originally drafted and thus the amendment was fully accepted.	Text amended.
4.2.3	Please clarify last sentence. Is this a policy on non-natives e.g. sycamores/ spanish bluebells/ deer culling etc?	It is accepted that further clarification was required with regard to non-native species being checked. An example of ongoing works will now be included within the strategy.	Text amended accordingly.
6.4.2	Worth pointing out how its cheaper to manage open space as woodland rather than short-mown grass. Suggest linking here to forest for Peterborough too.	Noted- Research within The Woodland Trusts "Trees and Turf" report included to demonstrate this point.	Text changed to reflect this information

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6.5.1	Again, this figure of 3% seems too low.	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are one of the least wooded areas of the UK. The total area of woodland of 0.1ha and over is 12,325ha. This represents 3.6% of the county land area.	Text amended to represent the accurate data t
6.5.5	Worth noting that PCC has already received a FC grant via EWGS to produce management plans which expired in 2008.	Noted	Text amended to reflect previous applications.
Policy CW 1	Please define/ clarify the use of the word "sustainability" here.	Noted	Text amended to include a definition of sustain
	Thank you very much for providing Enterprise with the opportunity to review the City Council's draft tree and woodland strategy, to this end please find set out below comments that we anticipate will be of assistance in the production of a final document. Overall we feel that the document is a positive response to the effective management of trees and woodlands within Peterborough, however we do feel that greater emphasis should be placed upon: Increased connectivity of trees and woodlands and the role they play as part of the wider green infrastructure of Peterborough and its surrounds Responsiveness to the condition of current tree stock, in particular maturation of trees and dominance of limited species and the actions required to respond to the same Current economic climate and the severe pressures placed upon internal and external funding to respond to tree issues and as such how external funding, pooling of budgets to respond to wider issues (beyond just environment) and the voluntary / 3rd Sector can assist Potential to identify and develop / return back into production areas of woodland i.e. coppicing in particular fen land locations	Consideration has been given to all these points through the amendments of the strategy. It is considered that this strategy would not expand on Green Infrastructure (G.I) instead the Council's Green Grid Strategy will cover this topic in more detail. Increased reference has now been made to the benefits of trees for G.I. In addition expanded reference has been made to the need to create a diverse woodland cover in relationship to age and species. Reference has also been made to consideration of external funding, the use of the voluntary sector via community involvement and opportunities to optimise the use of timber and other products of tree management.	Text amended accordingly

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1.2.1	Feel that more emphasis should be made in respect of the age profile of the current tree stock, the majority of which is destined to mature at the same time, thus: a. increasing the urgency to introduce a replacement programme developing a mosaic of tree ages and species across the City; and b. the associated issues in relation to increased scale of tree maintenance requirements in the foreseeable future	Noted and thus expanded reference has been made to the need to create a diverse woodland cover in relationship to age and species.	Text amended.
2.1.1	The Councils aim - would suggest that the statement is strengthened in respect of the expansion of the woodland cover being based upon a sustainable funding strategy through external funding streams; partner delivery recognising the limited resources the city has to maintain its existing tree stock. In addition it may be of value to consider weaving into the statement the potential to explore forestry principles i.e. some or part of the woodlands being developed with a commercial bias i.e. specific timber production or activity - coppicing / fuel production etc?	Sustainable funding is of key importance and the Council agree with this statement. Consideration has been given to the commercial value of the woodland asset yet it is considered that these opportunities are minimal within the city.	Text amended to include sustainable external f
3.1.7	3.1.7 & 3.1.8 Assume should be one paragraph however message is still not coherent in respect of when / when not to consult	It is agreed that clarification on consultation is required.	Text amended to clarify the situations when co
4.1.3	This section should make more explicit reference to the Peterborough Biodiversity Action Plan	Agreed reference to the Biodiversity Strategy is required	Text amended to reflect this addition.
4.1.11	This statement seems to be out of context in the section?	Agreed that the section was rather disjointed	Text in section re-worded and statement remov
4.2	Natural Environment -“ would suggest that this section is divided into natural environmental aspects and green infrastructure. In respect of green infrastructure explaining the connectivity of spaces and habitats	It is considered that this strategy would not expand on Green Infrastructure (G.I) instead the Council's Green Grid Strategy will cover this topic in more detail.	No text change

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5.0.2	Second sentence starting -These procedures. It is unclear as to what this statement is trying to say in respect of the identification of hazards and management of potential liabilities in relation to the management of tree stock	Agreed	Text amended to provide clarity.
Policy CTWG 1	Feel that this objective should be reframed to recognise the need for a diverse tree and woodland population reflective of age and species	The need for diversity within the tree stock is accepted.	Text amended to reflect this.
Priorities for CWTG 3	Priorities CTWG 3 3.4. would be of benefit to expand this statement to recognise the forestry view of tree management and openly support tree based industry - including closed loop i.e. wood heading systems in schools fed from timber produced in parks	This is considered to be a valid point and thus was included within section 4.1 as a possible option.	Text within section 4.1 expanded
Priorities for ST 1	Priority for ST 1 1.1 states 3 year cycle, however 6.2.4 states four years	This inconsistency is noted within the text.	Text amended to currently take out all frequenc
Priorities for ST 2	Priorities for ST 2 2.2 trees within residents properties should be viewed as part of the City's wider green infrastructure commitment	Noted. The Council agree with this statement and consider that this is the case. The priority hopefully demonstrates the Council's acceptance of the value of such trees by encouraging them to contribute within the street scene. It was however considered unnecessary to amend the text.	No text change.
Priorities for CW 1	Priorities for CW1 - feel that it would be of value to include a statement re recognising sustainable economic value of trees and woodlands on a closed loop basis	This point is noted and the issue is now included within section 4.1.	Text amended
6.6.2	Update to reflect 2011 -states 2010	Noted	Text amended
Priorities for UW 1	Priorities for UW 1 1.9 natural regeneration may not be the most appropriate mechanism, especially with the issues of a convergent maturing tree stock.	Noted. It is agreed that natural regeneration is not always appropriate, however site by site consideration will be given to the suitability of this form of establishment.	No text change.

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Policy PP 1	Need to explain the virtues of green infrastructure and the role private trees play in this	It is considered that the value of trees within Green Infrastructure is highlighted earlier in section 4.2 of the document.	No text change
	Policies for Privately owned trees and woods PT 6 -add policy in respect of Green Infrastructure	It is considered that the Council's Green Grid Strategy should cover this policy area.	No text change.
1.2.2	1.2.2 sentence ending lives. Format issue - two full stops	Noted. The section has now been amended.	Text corrected
4.0.1	4.0.1 treesand should read trees and	Noted	Text corrected.
4.1.8	4.1.8 & 4.1.9 should be one bullet point; 4.1.10 the second bullet point as illustrative examples	Noted. The entire section has now been re-worded.	Text amended
Policy CTWG 2	Policy CTWG 2 property.. should read property.	Noted. Mistake corrected	Text amended.

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	<p>First of all we note The Natural Choice: securing the value of nature - Environment White Paper CM8082 was published on the 7th June by the Secretary of State Caroline Spelman. This set out some clear messages which the Strategy will need to take into account. The Natural Choice Environment White Paper (NCEWP) includes a section on forestry under the heading - protecting and improving our woodland and forests. Within this section the key ambitions are for a major increase in the area of woodland in England, better management of existing woodlands, commitments to conserving and enhancing SSSIs and restoring ancient woodland Within the NCEWP there are clear linkages from these ambitions to the multiple benefits of woodland e.g. renewable energy and timber, new habitats and ecological networks and green spaces. Reduction in greenhouse gases, adaptation to climate change, urban trees and woodland and resilience to pests and diseases. We have therefore examined the Strategy in the light of the NCEWP in order to make constructive criticisms and suggestions as to how it may be improved to meet the policy emphasis in the White Paper. General points Reiterate the need to link to and update in the light of the Natural Choice White Paper. There is some confusion through the document over the English Woodland Grant Scheme: This is the grant scheme which the Forestry Commission administers and not a separate scheme. The Scheme has a number of different elements including Management grants and Woodland Creation grants. The strategy needs to make clear that a felling licence is required for trees which are outside designated public open spaces (e.g. under the Commons Act 1899), gardens, orchards and churchyards. So for example felling trees which are above a certain diameter at breast height and amount to 5</p>	<p>It is considered that the strategy aims to deliver the aspirations of the Environment White Paper. Clear reference has now been made to this guidance within the strategy. The clarification on the English Woodland Grant Scheme is noted and the strategy amended accordingly. The comment regarding the number of tree categories is noted however this sub division remains from the 1998 Strategy and has such created limited confusion. Clarification on the felling licence has now been included. In addition stronger reference has been made to the use of timber and arisings created from tree and woodland management. The need to develop a pest and disease control strategy has been incorporated within the strategy. In addition clear reference has now been made to the Big Tree Pant and Wet woodland.</p>	<p>Text amended</p>

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	<p>cubic metres of timber or more would require a felling licence from the Forestry Commission and fall outside of the remit of the local authority unless its part of a planning application. It is always useful to seek Forestry Commission advice on this for more information please see http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/forestry.nsf/byunique/inf-d6dfk86. It would be helpful to have some consideration as to how the City will use the timber and other arboricultural arisings, finding a profitable end use can help with the sustainable management of woodland, generating income wherever practicable helping to fund the management. To this end we note the lack of discussion about woodfuel and related carbon savings and the issue of fuel poverty. Given a growing concern over tree disease, such as Acute Oak Decline and Phytophthora ramorum, bio-security related to tree disease needs a mention. There are a number of diseases of trees which require special measures to be implemented. Good arborticultural practice should handle some of this, but it may be worth covering how you handle access of the public to areas of diseased woodland and arisings, somewhere within the strategy. The different categories of trees are a little confusing and it may be helpful to amalgamate some of these and reduce the number of policies so as to prevent arguments of categorisation and applicability of policy later. Given the Forest for Peterborough initiative it would be useful to show how policies underpin or apply and also there isn't any mention of the Big Tree Plant - http://thebigtreeplant.direct.gov.uk/index.html which is a government initiative which could assist with the delivery of the F4P initiative. The Strategy appears to omit reference to the important wet woodland within the Peterborough District. Wet woodland habitat is nationally and locally rare. It occurs on poorly</p>		

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	<p>drained soils and seasonally wet soils associated with river valleys, flood plains, flushes and plateaus. A comprehensive audit of wet woodland was completed in 2004 by a project which involved the Forestry Commission, the City Council and other partners. It was the first such audit in the East of England.</p> <p>(http://www.forestry.gov.uk/eastengland-wetwoodland). It identified 78 hectares of Wet Woodland habitat across 73 sites in the Peterborough District. Of these sites, the majority were less than 1 hectare in size. The sites were mainly distributed along the River Nene and River Welland and around waterbodies in old quarry sites. 114 hectares of potential areas for wet woodland creation were also identified and the project liaised with landowners to take forward these areas. Wet woodland is a Priority Habitat type under the Cambridgeshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan because it has been subjected to many pressures in the past leading to its decline. These pressures include agriculture, industrial and residential development, the lowering of water tables through drainage, river management, and flood prevention measures. Wet woodland now only exists as small or localised patches of habitat in river valleys, on ground surrounding bogs or mires, on the transition between open water and drier ground, and beside small streams. The partnership employed a dedicated wet woodland Project Officer. She mapped and assessed the woodland, then working with members of the partnership, visited owners of land with potential new wet woodland sites. Many of these owners came forward to plant or regenerate land for wet woodland, including some notable ex-mineral extraction sites as part of restoration plans and arable land coming into the Forestry Commission's English Woodland Grant Scheme (EWGS).</p>		

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	Some 18 hectares of wet woodland has been created in Peterborough as a result of this project, and up to a further 24 hectares may be possible. The strategy needs to cover this special type of woodland and set out policy as to how it is going to be managed and expanded.		
1.1	Somewhere in this section we recommend wording about the Natural Choice environment White Paper. The 2007 Strategy for England's Trees, woods and forests is being replaced. Forestry policy is being reviewed by an independent panel which will report back in the spring of 2012. The strategy may need to reflect their findings at that time. There may be an interim report to draw from in the autumn.	Noted. This will be considered on publication, as will all new strategic guidance.	No amendment.
1.2.1	1.2.1 Third Para it is The Forestry Commission ... or a Forestry Commission. We note that very little is made of the need to adapt to climate change, whilst the cooling effect of trees is mentioned this is even more important in the context of climate change and the need to choose species that have the correct provenance to cope with the expected changes in climate, Trees are also valuable in terms of health it has been documented that the presence of trees reduces asthma, as trees remove particulates from the atmosphere. (See Woodland Wealth Appraisal 2010 on www.woodlandforlife.net).	Correction made. Expanded reference to the adaption to climate change has been made within the document however the document can not be an exhaustive list of benefits.	Text amended.
1.3	1.3 Positive impact of trees. -See Woodland Wealth Appraisal 2010	Noted. Content considered in amendments.	Text amended in redrafting.
1.3.5	The wording in the penultimate sentence could be misconstrued as meaning that planning permission is required when what is meant is that careful thought needs to go into accommodating trees in an urban setting whether private or public to avoid unforeseen consequences.	Noted. Paragraph redrafted.	Text amended.

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1.3.7	Issue of climate change adaptation and the use of trees for cooling.	Noted. Addition made to text.	Text amendment.
1.3.10	Could be improved by mentioning carbon savings, carbon targets (national) and carbon sequestration.	Carbon targets now included in section 4	Text addition.
1.3.11	Bearing in mind the requirements of the Climate Change Act incorporating such wording as vibrant and low carbon city would be appropriate.	Reference to carbon targets now included in section 4	Text addition.
2	Chapter 2 -2.1.4 The Vision and Aims. Bearing in mind the NCWP the sustainably maintain and improve the quality of existing tree and woodland cover [€] ™ may need to be strengthened to outline how it can; increase/re-enforce the eco-systems services they provide; how they can improve links to other biodiversity corridors; how it may value its trees as assets, socially, environmentally and economically; how it will encourage businesses relating to trees and possibly generating an income to help pay for them. A positive vision may also include a target for tree cover, this would also help to link it to the Forest For Peterborough project, at the moment this Strategy appears to sit in isolation from it. Amending the aims of the Strategy to make it more supportive of the F4P project would address the issues in the NCEWP. The CC may wish to consider a Local Nature Partnership as outlined in the NCEWP.	Suggestion accepted and section now redrafted to include Forest for Peterborough targets.	Text amended.
3.0.2	This sentence appears to be a bit incongruous; as without a clear statement of what the aims and objectives of the Council are at any given time it can make the Strategy a hostage to fortune. In reality the Council has to agree a Strategy therefore implementing the Strategy should be one of the aims and objectives of the Council.	Noted. It was considered appropriate to retain this objective to allow consideration of the Council's wider strategic direction.	No text amended.

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3.1.3	This mentions the Forest for Peterborough but we suggest that it should say that the Forest for Peterborough is a partnership project helping to deliver the objectives of the PCC trees and Woods Strategy.	Redrafted for clarity.	Text amended.
3.1.4	This needs a bit of rewording, the final statement is in error; partnerships can help support an application, but an application stands on its own merit, whether by an individual landowner or group.	It was agreed that this statement was incorrect. The paragraph was redrafted and amalgamated with the relevant paragraph within the strategy	Text amended.
3.1.5	To effect benefits by increasing trees and removing others the Council may well seek need to apply for grants and felling licences and possibly EIAs may be needed in some cases therefore the strategy needs to say ' the council will work with partners'. The last sentence is a bit ambiguous, if you mean - 'enlarge and manage shelter belts to meet need', say so.	Noted. The entire section has been redrafted for clarity.	Text amended.
3.1.7	3.17 and 3.18 are one paragraph. Replace selective felling with the term thinning.	Amendment agreed.	Text amended.
3.2	3.2 Suggest insertion: change with the appropriate species to an otherwise static.	Noted. Entire section redrafted.	Text amended.
4	Wet woodland as described under out general points needs to be covered.	Wet woodland are now included within the Strategy (Section 6.5).	Text addition
4.0.1	Objective 3 would be stronger and reflect the Natural Choice Environment White Paper as well as climate change imperatives if it said; to preserve trees and woodland wherever possible to meet the target of x% tree cover.	It was considered impossible to set targets within this policy until a detail existing asset register has been produced.	No text amendment.

<i>Strategy Reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>PCC Position</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
4.1.6	<p>It may be worth mentioning the potential of woodfuel in this section and also that the Climate Change Act[v] has set legally binding targets for the UK to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 80 per cent by 2050, and CO2 by at least 26 per cent by 2020. The key mechanisms to achieve a reduction in carbon emissions are to reduce energy consumption through increased energy efficiency e.g. developing low carbon homes and moving to renewable energy sources. The UK's legally binding target to ensure 15% of energy comes from renewable sources by 2020 - a seven-fold increase in just 10 years. The UK Renewable Energy Strategy (July 2009) supports a scenario where more than 30% of electricity, 12% of heat and 10% of transport energy comes from renewables. To encourage this various incentives have been established: Renewables Obligation, Renewable transport fuel obligation, feed in tariffs, permission for Local Authorities to sell electricity to the Grid and a Renewable Heat Incentive: http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/uk_supply/energy_mix/renewable/policy/incentive/incentive.aspx</p>	PCC targets have now been introduced within section 4 for clarity.	Text amended.
4.1.1	<p>Whilst the figure for mature trees may be true of the stock asset of carbon held, growing trees continuously remove carbon. Each tree locks up 0.546kg of carbon annually, equivalent to 2kg of CO2. (Forest Research). What is less well known is that Forest soils sequester a large amount of carbon and plant matter is the single most important source of carbon in the soil. Planting native hardwood species can increase this soil carbon. You might find this link to the woodland for life website helpful; http://www.woodlandforlife.net/all-you-need-to-know/need-climatic.htm#footer#footer.</p>	Noted. Suggested amendment accepted.	Text amended.

<i>Strategy Reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>PCC Position</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
4.1.3	Mention of biodiversity but not habitat creation (wet woodland?) or BAP or HAPs targets.	Clear reference to Biodiversity has now been re-drafted into the strategy along with reference to wet woodland and targets within the biodiversity strategy.	Text amended.
4.1.5	It is not clear from this statement what these measures might be, and it will be useful to have them outlined here we would expect there to be some acknowledgment of the value of trees to climate change adaptation e.g. reducing heat island effect.	Noted. Section redrafted. Reduced heat island effect included	Text amended.
4.1.8	4.1.8 and 4.1.9 are one paragraph.	Corrected	Text amended.
4.2.1	The word "The" is unnecessary here.	Corrected.	Text amended.
4.2.4	This paragraph needs to bring out more clearly that it is talking about ecosystem services and needs to be linked to the Natural Choice Environment White paper.	Noted. Entire paragraph reworded in redraft.	Text amended.
5	There are a number of ways to value trees Torbay has taken this step and has used the I-trees software; this lends itself to a cost benefit analysis of trees. http://www.torbay.gov.uk/index/environment-planning/planning/planningservice/arboriculture/itree.htm	Noted. This may be considered in the future.	No text change.
6	In general these are good policies, we would suggest that a policy covering wet woodland habitat needs to be included as well as something on plant health and the management of tree disease for example where it might be necessary to limit access.	Noted. Plant pest and disease priority now included. Wet woodland is now more clearly referenced.	Text amendments.
Priorities for CWTG 5	Priorities for CWTG5 5.2 add on - and Forest of Peterborough	Strong reference has been made to the Forest Of Peterborough earlier within the document. No further reference is considered necessary.	Text amended.

<i>Strategy Reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>PCC Position</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
6.5.3	The last sentence we believe should read after neglected - or replaced with softwood plantations on ancient woodland sites (PAWS). There is national policy to restore ancient woodland and replace all PAWS with native woodland. The priorities need to reflect this.	Amendment incorporated into redraft.	Text amended.
6.5.5	This is a really good statement and we welcome it.	Noted	No text change.
6.6.2	Last sentence - English woodland Grant Scheme administered by the Forestry Commission.	Noted and corrected	Text corrected.
6.8	One aim may well be the restoration of ancient woodland from PAWs. This section also needs to reflect the disease issues and the issue of provenance of species to address climate change imperatives. For example the need to source native tree stock from those places in the world where the temperatures reflect the likely future trends in the UK.	Reference to planting trees of local provenance has now been added. Equally the need to create a tree pest and disease strategy has been included.	Text amended.
Policy PP 1	Needs to make clear that depending on where a tree is whether covered by a TPO or not, that a felling licence from The FC may also be required before a tree can be removed. In some cases where covered by a TPO it may require permission from the local authority and a felling licence.	Felling licence reference is accepted.	Text addition made.
8	Apart from a couple of minor matters this section is very good.	Noted	No text amendment.
8.0.4	When you refer to a supplementary action plan is this an SPD? We support the need for such an SPD as part of the Local Development Documents.	Reference to a SPD is no clearly made within section 7 of the report. The value of such a document is noted.	Text addition.

<i>Strategy Reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>PCC Position</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
8.0.6	You may like to refer to the Woodland wealth Appraisal here and the realising the benefits of Trees Woods and Forest which can be found on the woodland for life website at www.Woodlandforlife.net	Noted.	No text amended.
8.0.7	Slight confusion here - EWGS is a scheme administered by the Forestry Commission it is not an organisation.	Noted. Text corrected.	Text amended.
8.1	This section could also include reduction in carbon and increase in tree carbon value and an increase in overall tree cover.	Noted. The list of outcomes detailed within this section is not intended to be exhaustive. Clearer reference to our carbon reduction aspirations is included earlier within the strategy.	Text amended.
Policy PT 1	Policy PT1 -" The Council will ensure that trees and woodlands are protected and developed". There are a couple of issues here. In planning terms 'developed' has a particular meaning, as "development " is defined in the Act. If a site is developed it means it's built on. The policy could be interpreted as saying we'll ensure we 'develop' (i.e. build all over) our woodlands. Secondly, the policy appears to apply to all trees and woodlands without any qualification/exemption, and we may not want to ensure we protect all trees" e.g. irresponsibly planted leylandii. Finally it may not be possible to give the absolute guarantee that we will 'ensure' something does or doesn't happen. Maybe it should be rephrased to say "The Council will seek to ensure that all trees and woodlands making a positive contribution to our environment are protected and, where necessary, managed to enhance that contribution."	Noted. Suggested improvements accepted.	Text amended.
1.3.7	Word 'urbanity' is wrongly used. It should be urbanisation, urban environments or urban development as appropriate. Urbanity means elegance or sophistication.	Noted. Word now removed in redrafting.	Text amended.

<i>Strategy Reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>PCC Position</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
1.4.4	Word 'urbanity' is wrongly used. It should be urbanisation, urban environments or urban development as appropriate. Urbanity means elegance or sophistication.	Noted. Word now removed in redrafting.	Text amended.
1.4.1	The policy of high density tree planting in the new town was quite deliberate and one aim was to reduce vandalism. Single trees were known to be targeted by vandals rather than clusters. They even had their own huge tree nursery at Castor. The intention was to cut down trees each subsequent year if necessary to create the optimum density and this has been done.	The Council agree with this statement. It was considered appropriate to redraft the section to aid presentation of this information.	Text amended.
1.4.6	The correct spelling is "losing" not loosing	Corrected.	Amended text.
3.1.4	Can grants from the Forestry Commission be relied on in the future? An alternative should be considered as this strategy will be in place for a number of years.	This was considered as just one example. The Council will explore all future potential funding streams.	No text amended.
3.1.5	Improving public access is also an issue.	Concern noted and agreed.	No text amended.
4.1.6	4.1.6 & 4.1.10 Why is there an assumption that warmer winters are now the norm? The last two have not been mild. Some experts predict colder winters in the near future, based on sunspot activity, and the strategy should include this possibility	It was agreed that the wording of this section was poor and that a redrafting was appropriate.	Text amended.
5.0.2	5.0.2 onwards - how are landowners going to be persuaded to implement the management proposals?	It is considered that this will be achieved through advice offered by the Council as detailed within section 7 of this strategy. Equally it is hoped that we will lead by example to encourage others to follow.	No text amended.
5.1.4	How frequent will the inspections be? When was the falling branch which killed the child on June 30th 2011 inspected?	The frequency of inspections will be clarified within the Council's Tree Risk Management Strategy.	Risk Strategy reference included.

<i>Strategy Reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>PCC Position</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
6.7.3	A clearer policy on the planting of non-native species would be useful. Native species on rural roads but sometimes non-native species within villages where there are site restrictions.	Suggested amendment agreed.	Text amended.
6.8.6	Is it a wise policy to give trees to owner occupiers? Cut-price is better as people value something more which they have paid for.	Statement has now been removed and replaced with reference to the Natural Environment Grant Scheme. Point accepted.	Text amended
6.8.8	The use of 106 money needs clarification. It has also been promised to Neighbourhood Councils.	Noted. Detailed section 106 discussion will agree the spend of section 106 monies. It is considered beyond the scope of the strategy to confirm how these decisions will be made.	No text amendment to add clarity.
	Throughout - there is no apostrophe when writing '1900s' and so on. Overall - the strategy is fine but somehow to me it lacks some of the the drive and conviction of the policies for the new town in the 1970s, probably because of the uncertain financial situation. Final thought As a parish council we have benefited greatly from the ongoing support and advice given by PCC tree officers for example over the replacement of the trees on Ufford hill and recently over the management of the copse on Walcot Road.	Attempts have been made to resolve poor grammar throughout the document. A detailed budget bid has been created as a result of the draft strategy to hopefully deliver the aspirations detailed.	Grammar amended throughout.
	A general comment: it appears that within the text Peterborough sometimes refers to the urban areas alone, and in other places to all of the Unitary Authority area. This ambiguity should be clarified throughout by using urban Peterborough or similar expressions where appropriate, with Peterborough meaning the entire UA area.	It is agreed that Peterborough applies to the entire unitary area.	Clarity provided where required.

<i>Strategy Reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>PCC Position</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
1.1	Insert new para: 1.1.3 The UK National Ecosystem Assessment (Defra, 2011), is the first analysis of the UK's natural environment in terms of the benefits it provides to society and our continuing economic prosperity. It demonstrates that a great variety of benefits of our natural environment have often been left out of the benefit-cost assessment of developments by the planning system. It shows how monetary values can be assigned to these benefits, and recommends that in future they should be set against other costs and benefits of development proposals. The Council, conscious of its aspiration to be 'Home of Environment Capital', accepts these recommendations and will carry them out. We felt this paragraph was too specific as there will always be new publications after a report is published. We felt it should not mention particular publications but refer generally to always taking into account new best practice.	It is agreed that there are a broad range of policies that apply to the strategy. Some reference to such documents has been made within the redrafting of the section. Compliance with best practice is noted and as such introduced within the document.	Text amended.
1.2.2	Peterborough should read 'urban Peterborough' in both places.	Noted however entire paragraph redrafted.	Text amended.
1.3.5	1.3.5 after 'urban locations'. insert: 'In various places trees which predate the urban development around them provide evidence of the history of those places, and thus are a valuable part of their heritage.'	Addition accepted.	Text amended.
2.1.1	i.e. should read e.g.	Error noted. Text redrafted to exclude.	Text amended.
2.1.2	replace equality and diversity with equality, diversity and value	Amendment accepted.	Text amended.

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6.1.1	6.1.1 amend heading to read: Trees in the care of the City Council can be found in seven types of location. (these categories refer to types of location more than to tree or habitat types, and appear to overlap eg street trees and trees in residential areas, but they seem usefully to lead to the various ensuing policies.) Under Woodlands, sentence referring to Grimeshaw Wood should read: Grimeshaw Wood, an ancient woodland site and Local Nature Reserve in Bretton, is an unusually valuable wildlife and amenity resource within the urban fringe. There are other patches of woodland that help create the green environment in Bretton that we do not want overlooked	Noted. The suggested amended heading was not considered justified however the suggested amendment to the woodlands paragraph was accepted.	Text amended.
6.5.2	We would like Highlees spinney to be included. On shelter belts the intention is not clear as many shelter belts are besides busy roads and are not wide enough for safe public access. It has to be clearer on which shelter belts are included and which are not for encouraging access	Highlees reference has now been added. The comment regarding public access is noted, however this detail will be determined within management plans created at a later date.	Text amended.
6.10.1	6.10.1 Insert at end: Bretton, located on land purchased from the Milton Estate, also retains many valuable veteran oaks of up to 300 years old, and other pre-existing landscape features including ancient woodland sites.	Content of suggested amendment incorporated within section.	Text amended.
6.1.1	The category of Landmark Trees could also be added to 6.1.1 as a new category or as a sub-category of Residential Areas.	Noted. Agreed Landmark trees should be included within section 6.1.1.	Text additions.

<i>Strategy Reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>PCC Position</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
	<p>Thank you for consulting Natural England on the Peterborough Trees and Woodland Strategy, in your letter dated 25th May 2011. We support the vision and objectives of this strategy to provide a sustainable tree and woodland population for Peterborough and to expand the extent of woodland cover in line with the aspiration for the creation of the Forest of Peterborough. We welcome the recognition of the social, economic and environmental gains that trees can provide including landscape and amenity benefits, improved air quality and temperature regulation. Natural England particularly supports the objective to identify and preserve trees and woodland which contribute to biodiversity and green infrastructure and provide a natural environment which is resilient to climate change. We welcome identification of the need for integrated and multifunctional landscape management. The policy to protect tree and woodland populations, to establish new plantings and expand these where appropriate is supported and we welcome proposals for enhancement of parks and open spaces including the creation of small woods to promote wildlife and landscape enhancement opportunities. We are pleased to see the recognition of the valuable wildlife and landscape resource of the ancient woodland areas owned by the Council and the proposal for a new woodland management plan which will seek to preserve integrity and ensure operations are sensitive to ecology and sustainability. We particularly welcome policies CW1 and UW1 which aim to enhance biodiversity, encourage natural regeneration and improve public access to woodlands within the district. We support your authority proposals to protect trees of amenity value where possible and to encourage new and replacement tree and woodland, using appropriate species. We also welcome</p>	<p>Noted. The strategy has been now redrafted to include reference to trees of local provenance and enhanced reference to safeguarding protected species.</p>	<p>Text amended as detailed.</p>

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	<p>policies which seek to protect private trees from development. We welcome the Right Tree in the Right Place Framework and consideration of landscape impact and suitability of species. We would advise that native trees should be of local provenance where possible to maximise biodiversity, landscape and cultural value. We would welcome a policy which seeks to prevent disturbance to protected species, particularly nesting birds and bats, from inappropriate felling or other tree management operations. Ideally works to trees should not be carried out in the bird breeding season to prevent damage / disturbance, otherwise detailed assessment should be undertaken by a professional ecologist before work is carried out. Surveys should also be undertaken on any trees likely to support bats. Although these species are offered some statutory protection, relevant policies can ensure risks are minimised through the employment of best practice methods, including timing of operations and pre-works surveys. I hope you will find these comments useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any of these in more detail.</p>		
2.0.3	2.0.3 - how important are the rural areas to the plan for a sustainable tree & woodland population for a growing city?	Reference to the City relates to the entire unitary area and thus it is considered that rural trees play an invaluable role.	No text amended.
4.0.2	4.0.2 - local communities should be involved in TPO's which can be divisive.	Noted. Where appropriate wider consultation has been introduced to assist with this divisive topic.	Text amended.
5.1.4	5.1.4 - It is important that ownership of trees is established in villages where disputes & litigation may be a factor. Some areas seem to have trees with no owners & a policy should be put forward to rectify this.	Noted. It is considered that this work falls outside the scope of the strategy however it is hoped that once a detailed inventory of the Council's tree stock has been achieved it will then provide clarity on ownership.	No text amendment.

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6.1.2	6.1.2 City Council Trees. Any inventory should include a Parish Council input as to the ownership of trees in villages. PC should have access to information on database to help manage their trees.	Noted. It is agreed that Parish input will be essential when creating the inventory of the Council's tree stock.	No text amendment.
Policy CTWG 5	Policy CTWG 5 - PCC should encourage community involvement via Parish Council as many already have volunteer tree wardens.	Noted.	No text amendment.
Policy VR 1	Policy VR1 - Importance of including Parish Council in any decisions.	Noted. Wider public consultation is valued and is thus clearly referenced within section 3 of the strategy.	No text amendment.
Policy PT 1	Policy PT 1 Use of TPO's & Conservation Areas - Parish Councils should be consulted prior to confirmation.	Where appropriate this is agreed and reference to this has now been included within section 4.	Text amended.

<i>Strategy Reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>PCC Position</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
	<p>I would like to request answers to the following points concerning the Peterborough Tree and Woodland Strategy.</p> <p>What are the basic reasons to move away from response based reactive works to a programme of inspections followed by tree works based upon those findings? Do both not mean the same?</p> <p>When OAP/Disabled residents living in their own homes - or privately rented or rent from a RSL (Cross Keys) what are the first actions they must take to begin the process of securing action on trees/shrubs causing a problem/nuisance?</p> <p>In the case of RSL tenants must all necessary tree works be sanctioned/authorised/paid by the RSL or do they re-charge to their tenants?</p> <p>In the case of tenants renting from a small portfolio landlord - and they live in a property that has overgrown and nuisance trees affecting public walkways or street lighting does PCC have the powers to force the landlord to undertake all necessary and appropriate action on their nuisance trees?</p> <p>If residents living in their own properties have overgrown trees in their garden areas - must they seek "authorisation" from the Local Authority to manage trim or remove the tree in question? Must all works be carried out after the bird nesting season? If trees/shrubs are removed in the bird nesting system, can these owners or Private Landlords be prosecuted? If so, who does the prosecutions?</p> <p>If a local resident has repeatedly sought to secure help to trim/prune/remove a tree causing a nuisance - but has failed to get any action from their landlord, neighbours, family</p>	<p>A separate email was sent to the Consultee to answer the questions asked. The responses provided are detailed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The introduction of pro-active management will optimise the use of resources and move the Council to a defensible risk management system for trees and woodland. In addition it benefits from: increased efficiency by concentrating resources to the best effect /minimises requests for service/appropriate and systematic consultation in advance of the work programme. • If the resident rents the property it is suggested that their first step is to contact their landlord for assistance (subject to the rental agreement). Cross Keys have confirmed that the degree of assistance offered to tenants will be dependent on their needs assessment. If the resident owns the property the Council would suggest that they contact their own competent arborist. Having spoken to a Cross Keys representative it is believed that it depends on the tenancy agreement however the responsibility usually falls to the tenant. On the rare occasions that they sanction work on behalf of the tenant it is likely that they will be re-charged. • Typically the Highway Authority would serve notice on the owner/occupier of the property. It is highly unlikely that the tenancy agreement would not make the responsibility of vegetation management that of the tenant. Action would thus be taken against the tenant. Equally the landlord would more than likely to start proceedings for breach of tenancy agreement. • They resident should confirm with the Local Planning Authority if the trees are legally protected i.e. Tree Preservation Order, Contained within a Conservation Area or subject to Planning Conditions. • Work may be carried out throughout the nesting season providing nests are not present. It should be assumed that trees and 	<p>No text amendment.</p>

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	<p>and they simply can't pay for the tree works themselves - what actions can PCC instigate to help resolve the problem? Is there a "discretion" area of action and perhaps a way of helping with the cost of works?</p> <p>Is there anyway local Councillors could be informed of actions, before they are taken, on trees found to have issues within their respective Wards? So stopping the experiences of Ward Councillors - learning of local tree works, only after the event, when residents ask them "What is going on?"</p> <p>Prior information would be of enormous local benefit in our representation role. My first impression on the new philosophy of a 'right tree in the right place' and have works based on inspection finding, seems a sensible direction to ahead towards.</p>	<p>shrubs contain nesting birds between 1st March and 31st August unless survey work has shown it is absolutely certain that nesting birds are not present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is an offence to take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is being built or in use and the person authorising and undertaking the work could be prosecuted. • The Police would undertake the prosecution under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. • Regrettably there is no assistance that the Local Authority can offer the resident in these situations. • The introduction of pro-active management should allow local Councillors to be informed of tree work within their wards prior to work commencing. 	
	<p>Generally I have no major comments to make on this document as policies and priorities remain broadly the same; only a few more aspirational priorities seem to have gone. It builds on the previous version, and does so by making it briefer, removing a lot of but not all the repetition. This is generally an improvement, but has in some cases resulted in a loss or change of meaning. Additional contributions have been introduced but these have not been subject to the same discipline as the original document. As a result there is something of an imbalance between original and new text. Given more resources it would be good to look more radically at the document, but in the current climate I have resisted the temptation!</p>	Noted.	No text amendment required.
1.0.3	<p>1.0.3 grammar - in which replace with where .. 'Treed' replace with 'trees and'</p>	<p>The poor grammar is noted. The entire section has been redrafted.</p>	Text amended.

<i>Strategy Reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>PCC Position</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
1.0.7	1.0.7 Formal promenading? Rapid growth started in late 70s	The suggested date of growth is accepted.	Text amended.
1.0.9	1.0.9 Absolute necessity?	Entire section redrafted to assist presentation.	Text amended
1.0.10	1.0.10 This in bold as it is a key statement	The suggestion of using bold text was accepted however the statement was redrafted for clarity.	Text amended.
1.1.2	1.1.2 will attempt to demonstrate the need for resources - not required	Modification agreed. Entire section redrafted.	Text amended.
1.2.2	1.2.2 Second sentence not clear which trees is it referring to. Is it really the case that significant numbers are reaching the end of their lives? What evidence?	It is agreed that evidence to substantiate this claim is unavailable and thus the entire section was redrafted.	Text amended.
1.3.1	1.3.1 Is there really increasing awareness?	It is the Council's opinion that an increasing awareness of the benefits of trees has been created through the media in recent years.	No text amendment.
1.3.7	1.3.7 mention of climate change would be useful	It is considered that the climate change section covers this suggestion.	No text amendment.
1.3.9	1.3.9 Air conditioning???? Mention extra land value provided by trees	Further clarity has been added within the redrafting of the section. The extra land value is noted however it was considered unnecessary to further expand this section.	Text amended.
1.4.1	1.4.1 Final sentence: 'Current resulting issues are...'	Poor wording of the sentence accepted. The entire section has now been redrafted.	Text amended.
1.4.2	1.4.2 A dilemma occurs	Noted. Entire section redrafted.	Text amended.
1.4.3	1.4.3 Drafting?	Agreed.	Entire section redrafted.
1.4.4	1.4.4 Do we want this? I am not aware that we are planting willows now	It was agreed that this paragraph was not required and subsequently the entire section re-drafted.	Text amended.

<i>Strategy Reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>PCC Position</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
1.4.6	1.4.6 It would be useful to expand this slightly as I do not believe that a coppice and standard is appropriate for most of our shelterbelts. Many are not wide enough for more than one mature standard, thereby opening the whole understorey. No point in suggesting what might have been better. Need to suggest what should be done	Agreed. Section reworded.	Text amended.
2.1.1	2.1.1 Must be succinct. Delete section 'i.e...'	Noted. Amendment agreed.	Text amended.
3.0.1	3.01 Irrelevant and meaningless to this strategy - delete	Noted. The statement is considered appropriate to demonstrate the requirement for the strategy to align with the Council's overarching strategic vision.	No text amended.
3.1.3	3.1.3 Forest of Peterborough is not imminent it is ongoing	Noted. The word imminent has been removed from the sentence and it reworded accordingly.	Text amended.
3.1.7	3.1.7 Not all residents are fond of trees!	Noted. It was agreed that the statement would be amended to refer only to certain residents.	Text amended.
3.1.8	3.1.8 Emergency works are exempt	Noted. Clarity added to statement.	Text amended.
4.1.6	4.1.6 Need to make point that trees can help reduce impact of climate change	Noted. It was agreed that the section required expansion to demonstrate that trees help reduce climate change.	Text amended.
4.1.7	4.1.7 Cited not sighted! Not sure of value of including this detail	Correction noted and it was agreed that the section required redrafting.	Text amended.
4.1.11	4.1.11 Not clear what this is saying. We previously had statements here about removing high water demand trees and keeping a low proportion of planting of trees sensitive to drought	It is agreed that this statement was not required and thus deleted from the draft.	Text amended.
5.1.4	5.1.4 Include reference	Agreed a full reference is required.	Text amended to now include the full reference
5.1.9	5.1.9etc Whilst I agree about the importance of this, it is not really strategy	It is agreed that this statement is not appropriate within the strategy and thus deleted from the draft.	Text amended.

<i>Strategy Reference</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>PCC Position</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
6.1.2	6.1.2 A database is essential prerequisite of pro active management not something going some way	The importance of a database is fully accepted and its importance in delivering a pro-active management system is noted. The wording of the paragraph has been redrafted to offer clarity.	Text amended
6.1.3	6.1.3 Diversity needs to be specified as an aim	The suggested amendment is accepted and the word diversity has been added.	Text amended.
6.1.4	6.1.4 This is procedure not strategy	It was agreed that this wording was inappropriate within the strategy.	Text deleted and section redrafted.
6.1.6	6.1.6 Computer system sounds a bit expensive, computerised database less so ?	Noted. It is considered that the drafted wording is currently acceptable to allow flexibility in the system used.	No text change.
Priorities for CWTG 3	3.2 What does this mean?	The priority demonstrates that contract staff are employed in a cost effective and productive manner. For example, work programmes will be scheduled in defined clusters where possible to avoid transport costs, aid efficiency and provide cost savings.	Text not amended.
6.2.3	6.2.3 Wording- many of p`s street trees are overmature. ?? In a few years?	Agreed that paragraph needed redrafting.	Text amended.
6.2.5	6.2.5 Policy does not need word 'to endeavour'	Comment accepted, however it is considered appropriate to retain the word as it is not always to guarantee protection.	Text amended.
6.3.2	6.3.2 wording	Noted. Paragraph reworded	Text amended.
Priorities for RA 1	1.2 old policy wording more succinct. Where replacement planting is inappropriate, plant new trees nearby	Agreed to retain existing wording as considered more succinct.	Text amended.
Priorities for POS 1	1 surely this should be 1.1 .in any case delete word minimal	Numbering corrected and suggested word deletion accepted.	Text amended.
6.5.2	6.5.2 Grimshaw and Highlees are LNRs	Noted. This statement was added.	Text amended.
6.5.3	6.5.3 Most woodlands are neglected, very little commercial surely	Noted. Greater clarity provided within the redraft.	Text amended.

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6.5.4	6.54 Typo toll not tole	Amended	Text amended.
Priorities for CW 1	6.5.6 1.1 Disagree with continuous tree cover. Healthy woodlands need glades and open spaces not solid cover	Noted. The Council accept that glades and open spaces are required within a woodland. These areas are often the richest with regards to Biodiversity, which is also an objective within the policy. It is considered that a combination of these priorities will be applied to the mixed woodland environment that the Council owns.	Text amended to reflect importance of glades a
Priorities for UW 1	6.6.3 1.2 Cover is important but it may well not be conventional woodland cover that is appropriate - dense scrub may be more appropriate in some areas	This observation is noted. The wording of the policy now indicates that these are aspirations where appropriate rather than a definitive solution.	Text amended.
Policy UW 2	Policy UW2 Omit word endeavouring to consult replace with consulting	Amendment agreed	Text amended
Priorities for UW 2	1.1 Wording , 'ensuring' not 'ensuing'	Noted. Correction drafted	Text amended
6.7.1	6.7.1 Wording - they cannot all be approx. 200 yrs old - up to	Agreed. The sentence was drafted to confirm some of the trees are of that age.	Text amended
6.7.2	6.7.2 This sounds unlikely as there cannot be many elms left	Noted. The observation is noted however the Council are of this opinion and wish to retain the paragraph.	No text amendment
6.8.1	6.8.1 Life expectancy is very variable, 35 is far too prescriptive	Redrafted sentence.	Text amended.
6.8.2	6.8.2 Not clear. Greatest cost savings can be achieved by right tree in right place	Redrafted for clarity.	Text amended.
6.8.4	6.8.4 This paragraph is flippant and needs redrafting	Redrafted	Text amended.
6.10	6.10 Landmark Trees Need to put back introductory paragraph defining these	Noted. Definition now included	Text amended.

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	<p>Apolgies for the last minute e-mail due to broadband problems just noted. I am looking into the planting of trees in the village of Ailsworth using the Woodland Trust community planting initiative and also the Queens diamond jubilee celebration planting and the bigtree 100,000 planting as well. I assume you are mainly concerned with street and open space planting. We have lost may trees over the years and I am keen to be involved with particular reference to Right tree in the right place. Poplars are an obvious problem in many villages. Also the Nene trust are persuing a tree removal plan and hopefully a replanting plan. Can you please include me in any discussion you may be holding in the future.</p>	<p>Noted. Support welcome and PCC have opened discussions with regard the potential to offer Parish support via the Natural Environment Grant Scheme for tree planting.</p>	<p>No text change.</p>
	<p>Appendix 3 I suggest that this would be better entitled 'operational guidelines'. Safety para wording last sentence</p>	<p>Suggestion agreed.</p>	<p>Text amended.</p>

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	<p>PETERBOROUGH CIVIC SOCIETY PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL's DRAFT TREES & WOODLAND STRATEGY. The Council's Trees and Woodland strategy was issued as a consultation document on 31st May 2011 with comments invited by 11th July. Peterborough Civic Society was included amongst the consultees along with national organisations (such as the Woodland Trust and the Forestry Commission) and local organisations including the Nene Park Trust, PECT, parish councils, Peterborough-based housing associations and major local landowners. It is a fairly comprehensive document running to 36 pages, updating the Council's 1998 strategy. It seeks to take account of the significant changes that have taken place over the past 13 years. It includes a number of key issues including a proposal to move away from response-based reactive works to a programme of inspections, followed by tree works based upon those findings. A right tree in the right place framework is proposed to avoid the selection and planting of inappropriate species. The draft strategy contains a great deal of the guidance that the Council's planners and agents will need to ensure a sustainable, attractive environment for the future. However there are some issues that could be made clearer: What is the impact of outsourcing the Council's tree and woodland management to Enterprise Peterborough? There seems to be no guidance on how to consider the impact of tree planting on distant vistas (for example Peterborough Development Corporation devised a view of the cathedral from Longthorpe Parkway but it is now obscured by tree planting around the rowing lake). Some reference on how to involve schools and school children in planting and maintaining trees would be helpful. As schools transfer out of council control to independent status, what</p>	<p>Taken in the order presented within the letter of comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference has now been made to the new contracting arrangements with Enterprise Peterborough and its impact on delivery of the strategy. • Noted - Appendix 2 - Site Constraints now indicates the need to consider the impact of planting on vistas. • Noted - Section 6.9 now details the opportunities that schools offer and opportunities for encouraging children to be involved in the planting and aftercare of these trees. • Noted- the text has been amended to show that it is intended that at point of transfer, schools that take independent status will be required to continue to comply with the policies contained within this strategy. • Landmark trees are now defined within section 6.1 of the Strategy. • The proposed Tree Forum was removed from the Strategy as it is hoped that the Neighbourhood Councils, friends of groups etc will help fulfil this role within existing structures. • It is accepted that not all landowners may not be aware of grant aid schemes and thuthe wording amended to indicate that this may apply to 'most' landowners. • Neighbourhood Councils/ Committees will be consulted where appropriate in the developing consultation protocol being introduced by Enterprise Peterborough. • Noted - reference is now made to Peterborough Development Corporation. • Consideration of the use of fruit trees has been included within the species selection sub section of Appendix 2. • Clear reference has now been included to the use of British Standard 5837: 2005 "Trees in Relation to Construction - Recommendations". Compliance with this 	Text amended

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	<p>steps should be taken to ensure that the school authorities adhere to this Strategy? Reference is made to landmark trees. It would be helpful to define this term. Some suggestion on the composition, administration and function of the proposed Tree Forum would be useful. The Strategy (para 7.0.1) states that many notable trees grow in private gardens and that private owners '...are aware of the grant aid schemes ... to pay for maintenance works'. This may not be the case. What role should Neighbourhood Councils/Committees have in the strategy? How are they to be consulted? There are a number of references to the Development Corporation. It may be better to refer to the Peterborough Development Corporation. There is no mention of fruit trees within the Strategy apart from critical reference to the inappropriateness of cherry trees as street trees. There seems to be no reason why plum, apple and pear trees cannot be included in parks, urban woods and elsewhere. Surely the public would welcome their introduction? There needs to be reference to British Standard classification for tree classification. There are occasions in Peterborough when fairly low grade trees seem to be seen to merit retention when perhaps the long term benefit would be to remove older/ weaker specimens and strongly control the quality of replacement trees. Sometimes (from an architectural perspective) the tree management regime seems just short term. Following the adoption of the Strategy an Action Plan is to be drawn up. What are the target dates for this Plan? What opportunity will be given for consultation on the Action Plan? Overall the draft strategy is a welcome document. Peterborough Civic Society will be pleased to receive a copy of the final, adopted version. The Society would be grateful to receive a copy of the adopted Strategy in due course.</p>	<p>strategy should ensure appropriate classification of tree species in relationship to develop. Ensuring trees of merit are given the most priority for retention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On adoption of this document it is hoped that the Action plan will be produced within the early part of next financial year. 	