

Stiffkey Parish Council Public Consultation Response

Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Stiffkey Parish Council feels that the draft strategy is reasonably accessible. It is clear in its intentions albeit within a lengthy document. We would have preferred less background and more in-depth information as to the priorities and the strategies. While the evidence codes are useful, they do not present any thing other than a reference to another document or source. While it would be considerable work, there was hope that this strategy/document would be a 'catch-all' for information and strategies and become a useful resource for planning at a local level. In its current form it does not allow this. The use of acronyms, codes etc is also problematic in that it requires more learning before the strategy document can be used.

More details as to what measures – and how they could be implemented – would also be more useful as part of this strategy. Whilst we understand the need to keep the document as broad as possible, given the subject matter, it runs the risk of losing its relevance without more micro-detail. This is of particular concern if the intent is to try and make the strategy as accessible as possible to as many people and grassroots groups (potentially without the technical skills) as may be interested. The graphics are good, and the mapping is also of a high quality, but quite difficult to use without prior knowledge. It would be most beneficial if training sessions and/or demonstrations of using the tools available could be provided to interested groups and potential implementation of the strategy moving forward. The two pages (of a 312-page document) dedicated to next-steps and how you can be involved, seem woefully inadequate given the context and intended scope of the project. In our view, there needs to be more content and plans for engagement for the next steps