

Response Woodland Trust 17 03 22

Dear David

Many thanks for consulting the Woodland Trust as you develop the Lostwithiel Neighbourhood Plan. The Trust are strong advocates for neighbourhood planning and believe that they are useful tool in promoting the value of woods and trees.

As you are aware, the Fowey Valley, which includes Lostwithiel, is home to extensive ancient woodland, which must be protected. The Woodland Trust promotes the following wording in relation to the protection of trees and woods:

- 'Loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats, including ancient woodland and aged or veteran trees found outside ancient woodland, resulting from development proposals should be wholly exceptional'.

In addition to protecting ancient woodland, the Woodland Trust has a strong focus on restoration and woodland creation. We are currently working with partners to restore, extend and create woodland in the Fowey valley to increase biodiversity in the area and to connect habitats. We would therefore welcome support in local plans for planting of native trees within the Lostwithiel parish.

You can find more information and ideas designed to support development of neighbourhood plans on our website: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/in-your-community/neighbourhood-planning/>

Best of luck with your plan, do get in touch if I can be of any further assistance.

Kind regards,

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