

## Land To The West Of Omega South & South Of The M62, Bold, St Helens

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### Ecology Agenda

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1. Overview on areas of Common Ground
  - i) European Protected Sites – status
  - ii) European Protected Species – status
  - iii) UK Protected Species – status
  - iv) Priority and Notable Species – status
2. Extent of agreement between LPA and applicant
3. Identification of any divergences in opinion between the Countryside and Landscape Officer and MM
4. Understanding '*Significance of Loss*' in terms of extent and quality of habitat loss in respect of woodland, ponds, hedgerows, cropland/farmland, grassland and streams.
5. Status and protection attributable to relevant areas of woodland.
6. The approach adopted to the mitigation hierarchy
7. Biodiversity matters covered Section 106 Agreement
  - i) Commitment to a minimum of 9.4ha of woodland planting
  - ii) Targeting of local initiatives, St Helens priority habitats and projects in Bold Forest Park
  - iii) The Mersey Forest
8. Suitability of Mitigation and Compensation: explanation of how the mitigation and compensation accord with local and national policy. What is the present status of the Environment Bill and consequence for this decision? – considerations
9. Effectiveness of Mitigation and Compensation including consideration of the Defra Biodiversity Metric