

Statement of Common Ground in respect of the Holcroft Moss compartment of the Manchester Mosses Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Warrington Borough Council

Natural England

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Places for Everyone Districts

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- 1.1 In updating the respective Habitat Regulations Assessments (HRAs), Warrington Borough Council, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the Places for Everyone districts acknowledge that whilst neither the Warrington Local Plan nor the Places for Everyone Plan would have an impact individually on site integrity on the Holcroft Moss compartment of the Manchester Mosses SAC, when considering the Plans in combination it cannot be concluded beyond reasonable doubt that the achievement of the conservation objectives for the SAC would not potentially be undermined, bearing in mind that the habitat is already exposed to nitrogen deposition more than six times the critical load, especially when considered with other traffic growth on the M62 in the period up to 2040. Mitigation is therefore considered necessary to avoid an adverse effect on European site integrity.
- 1.2 Warrington Borough Council, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, the Places for Everyone districts and Natural England agree that the delivery of long-term ecological resilience works involving hydrological restoration measures to benefit the Holcroft Moss, commensurate with the impact on the site from traffic growth, is the preferred mitigation approach. This approach is site specific and relates to the evidence of benefits secured from previous hydrological interventions.
- 1.3 Warrington Borough Council, working with Natural England, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the Places for Everyone districts, will lead on the preparation of a Habitat Mitigation Plan to confirm the scope, specification and costs of the restoration measures to be completed by December 2023. Warrington Borough Council is willing in principle to use its regulatory powers if necessary and as a last resort if required to deliver the mitigation works.
- 1.4 Warrington Borough Council and the Places for Everyone districts will secure proportionate contributions towards restoration measures from development that will result in increased traffic flows on the M62 past Holcroft Moss over 100 vehicles per day or 20 Heavy Goods Vehicles per day, to be confirmed through modifications to the Warrington Local Plan and Places for Everyone Plan.
- 1.5 Note that this Statement of Common Ground applies only to the Manchester Mosses SAC and does not include any assumptions in respect of other matters arising from the Greater Manchester Places for Everyone Plan which will be dealt with separately.



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Date:	14/11/2022



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Signatures attached from:

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Bolton

Bury

Manchester

Oldham

Rochdale

Salford

Tameside

Trafford

Wigan

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