



LONGRIDGE RD

ENERGY CENTRE

Biodiversity

When developing our plans for Longridge Road Energy Centre, consideration has been given to how the potential development will interact with the ecology of the local area.

What have we done to date?

The Energy Centre is proposed for former industrial land that has been allocated for new development. We have been undertaking ecological surveys of the site and surrounding areas. All surveys have been undertaken by appropriately qualified and experienced ecologists in accordance with current guidance. We have also met with the Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside to discuss how we can develop proposals to improve biodiversity on site.

What have we found?

The Energy Centre site has been surveyed and found to have low ecological value. From our studies we have identified the following ecological and biological features in the wider area which have been incorporated into the detailed assessment:

- Designated sites and the habitats and species for which they are designated.
- Locally valuable habitats.
- Protected and locally notable species.

What we will do

Our detailed assessment will identify potential effects on biodiversity and ways to avoid, reduce or otherwise mitigate these where necessary.

Mitigation measures will include:

- Carefully considered layout and design to avoid potential effects on neighbouring habitats and species.
- A Construction Environmental Management Plan.
- A design for lighting at the Energy Centre which minimises light spill, maintaining dark areas around the site for bats and other wildlife.

As well as mitigation, the Energy Centre will also provide biodiversity enhancement measures for the site such as:

- Targeted habitat creation and enhancements including native species planting.
- New nesting and roosting opportunities for birds and bats.



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Further questions

While this information sheet focusses on biodiversity, we appreciate that some local communities may like further information. With this in mind, we would encourage you to share any questions and queries you may have through the consultation process which further informs the scope and focus of our assessments.

You can get in contact with us at the details below.



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