



Reference: EIR3613

**Request:**

1. How does the council define rewilding?

**The Council does not specifically define rewilding. The Council is aware that the concept of re-wilding is around large scale ecosystem restoration where natural processes are re-instated and nature is allowed to take care of itself. It seeks to secure healthy ecosystems, allowing species to adapt to climate change and for communities to re-connect to nature.**

2. Do you have any current or planned policies/initiatives on rewilding? If yes, can you provide details of these?

**The Council works in accordance with environmental legislation and its planning policies in relation to biodiversity, trees and open spaces/greenspaces, using associated strategic documents such as the Greenspace and Open Space Strategies, Biodiversity Action plan and Tree Policy to help protect existing habitats, and species and also to create and enhance habitats that will benefit wildlife and people.**

**Please refer to the Council's website for more information:**

**<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/page/9962/biodiversity-areas>**

3. Have you set aside any budget or funding for rewilding?

**The Council has a budget for biodiversity and environmental projects and secures financial contributions through the planning system (Section 106) for green infrastructure and biodiversity projects.**