

## River Wensum Stakeholder Workshop 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019

### Themed Group Syndicates

**Group : Ecology**

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### Exercise 1 Themed Objectives

Group :Ecology - Invertebrates

*Provide a group view on the top 5 achievable objectives*

*Objective 1*

Identify gaps in current knowledge of invertebrate measures and monitoring techniques

*Objective 2*

Create a task group with expert advice to work through objective 1

*Objective 3*

Create a volunteer river fly workforce for the river Wensum

*Objective 4*

Define an appropriate baseline level of Invertebrates going forward

*Objective 5*

**Strengths, Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats**

People too busy and lack of volunteers

Strengths – by in by experts

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### Exercise 1 Themed Objectives

Group :Ecology – Habitats / Fish

*Provide a group view on the top 5 achievable objectives*

*Objective 1*

Identify off channel areas to increase habitat and refuge

*Objective 2*

Identify head water areas to increase diversity and habitat

*Objective 3*

Define indicator species and baseline densities across the river

*Objective 4*

Define current understanding of macrophytes (plants) across all reaches of the Wensum

*Objective 5*

Strengths, Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats

Potentially low cost solution

Weakness in survey volumes and locations

Threats from siltation and signal crayfish

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### Exercise 2 Measurable Outcomes

Group : Ecology - Invertebrates

*Provide a group view on the top 5 achievable measurable outcomes (Target & Stretch)*

#### *Outcome 1*

Report on the gap analysis between the respective bodies reporting on Invertebrate status.

#### *Outcome 2*

Identify the reasons for variance and agree a way forward on measures for the river Wensum

#### *Outcome 3*

Define and quantify the scale of a riverfly monitoring scheme for the river Wensum and agree volunteer engagement

#### *Outcome 4*

#### *Outcome 5*

Strengths, Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats

Lack of access to the data

Threat from unresolved definition in monitoring

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*Provide a group view on the top 5 achievable measurable outcomes (Target & Stretch)*

#### *Outcome 1*

Provision of 150 SqM of additional off channel habitat and refuge annually  
(Middle and Lower Reaches)

#### *Outcome 2*

Provision of 100 SqM of additional off channel habitat and refuge annually  
(Upper Reaches)

#### *Outcome 3*

Define study and survey upstream locations to support outcome 2

#### *Outcome 4*

Document the SSSI designations and understanding of macrophytes (plants) across all reaches of the Wensum, building on the 6 year Natural England assessment period.

#### *Outcome 5*

#### Strengths, Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats

Landowner agreement

Resources to undertake the assessments

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### Exercise 3 Themed Governance Structures

Group : Ecology – Invertebrates	
<i>Governance Body</i> Wensum Working Group	Comments Builds on existing agreement with EA

<i>Lead Body</i> Wensum Working Group Invertebrate Task Group	Comments Led by Geoff Philips and David Harper for their expertise knowledge in Invertebrate Ecology Dennis Willis agreed to lead on riverfly management and volunteer engagement
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Nominated Steering Group Member(s) Dennis Willis Geoff Philips	Comments
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Group Member(s) Existing membership of WWG	Comments
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