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Sent: 16 June 2019 19:45  
To: Bell, Michael  
Subject: Re: Meeting with Paul Nolan / WBC Planning Policy

Hi Michael

Good to speak to you earlier this week.

In terms of the Local Plan, as discussed, the Mersey Forest Plan is the government approved Plan for Warrington.  
[www.merseyforest.org.uk/plan](http://www.merseyforest.org.uk/plan)<<http://www.merseyforest.org.uk/plan>>

It sets out the aims and aspirations to increase woodland cover, manage existing woodland sustainably and gain a range of benefits such as improved wellbeing, reduced flood risk and greater habitat connectivity across The Mersey Forest, including Warrington.

The Plan links to NPPF and NPPG, with specific mention of Community Forest Plans in relation to greenbelt. It also links to other national policy such as the government 25-year plan for the environment and the national tree and woodland policy. There are also clear links to NPPF and NPPG references to green infrastructure.

The Mersey Forest is the local delivery framework for Northern Forest. We work with other Community Forests and the Woodland Trust across the M62 corridor to coordinate our work at a trans regional level.

Ideally, the Local Plan should refer to The Mersey Forest where, now, Northern Forest is referenced.

Para - 9.6.8 – 3rd line could add – “in Warrington, the local Community Forest is The Mersey Forest.”

Para – 8.3.16 – should also refer to the Mersey Forest Plan as being the local delivery framework for Northern Forest.

I would be happy to provide additional information to support development of the forest references in the Local Plan if needed.

Thanks for the opportunity to input.

Best wishes

Paul

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