

A Manifesto for  
*Green Recovery*  
across the West Midlands

OUR AGENDA FOR NATURE'S RECOVERY



Birmingham &  
Black Country



Warwickshire

# We want the 2021 elected WMCA Mayor to commit to:



## Support the green transformation of the West Midlands

by investing in the delivery of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy with ambitious targets to restore the landscape for wildlife and people, with 30% of land designated for nature.



## Provide access to high quality green space for all

and champion the benefits of an improved environment to the health and wellbeing of our communities. Invest in sustainable transport to green and blue spaces, and create desirable social spaces through 'green' regeneration of town centres and residential areas, helping to reduce pressure for new developments elsewhere.



## Help create a healthy natural environment to mitigate the ecological and climate crisis

by investing in nature-based solutions and green infrastructure that tackle poor air quality, pollution, flooding and overheating in urban areas.



## Boost employment opportunities in the environmental sector

by investing in training and job creation for the next generation of green sector professionals to support a post-COVID-19 recovery. Champion diversity to better reflect local communities and empower more people to develop a positive connection with, and impact upon, the natural environment.



## Improve environmental standards for new housing

by including space for nature in all new developments to create homes that are good for people and wildlife. Protect all valuable ecological spaces from development and ensure the right development in the right place. Reinvest profits from developments into wildlife-rich green spaces and ensure all new developments exceed biodiversity targets.



## Reduce the negative impacts of HS2

by securing increased investment in the 'Green Corridor' and delivering on HS2's 'no net loss in biodiversity' targets to leave an improved legacy for the communities of the West Midlands. Ensure independent scrutiny, reporting and enforcement of HS2's on the ground ecological work including meaningful engagement with environmental stakeholders.

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