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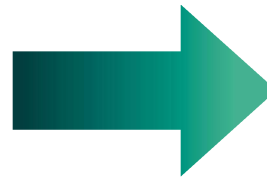
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**56%** agreed or strongly agreed with our primary objectives



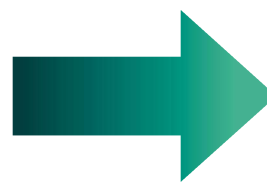
We have retained our primary objectives and made amendments following community response.

We will prioritise:

- Enhancing biodiversity and environmental services
- Improving access, education opportunities and engagement with our local community
- Research asset provision
- Carbon sequestration



All primary objectives were supported by at least **35%** of responses



We are designing the future of the Valley to deliver benefits for a variety of stakeholders, alongside a variety of benefits for nature.

We aim to open the space up to more users without negatively impacting the local environment and habitats.



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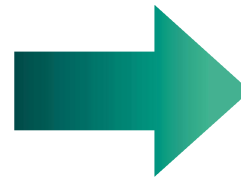
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**96%** agreed that enhancing biodiversity is an appropriate priority



We propose to restore and protect a variety of habitat types across the Valley, including: wetlands and waterways, woodlands, scrub areas, grasslands and hedgerows.

Ensure areas of the Valley can remain undisturbed to allow nature to thrive.



**57%** of responses supported improving community education and engagement



We propose to install education boards to explain why and how we have enhanced the environmental and ecological value of the Valley.



There was a clear and consistent ask from our community to allow access to enjoy nature and leisure activities



We will provide and maintain dedicated pathways through the valley allowing our community to connect with nature. Seating will be included to allow our community to enjoy the space.