

# Town Lane

**Where:** Southport, Lancashire

**Size:** 21 hectares

**Planned investment:** Currently unconfirmed

**Partners:** Sefton Borough Council, The Mersey Forest, Groundwork Wirral

**Site context:** Disected by one of the main traffic distribution routes of the town, this site is a former landfill site, overlooked by the Southport Commerce Park, (the borough's largest area of light industry and office space). Town Lane is recognised as an area of particular ecological value, designated a Red Squirrel Refuge site, and feeding and breeding ground for several locally important birds. Town Lane is close to several local communities and has allotment sites on the boundary.

**Future:** The Southport Commerce Park is currently only one third full, and the Newlands community woodland proposal is intended to create a green infrastructure that will enhance the park's attractiveness to new business investment. In addition, Sefton Borough Council are proposing to turn the area into an 'active recreation area' – with a new public sports facility planned adjoining the site (increasing the critical mass to strengthen values and encourage greater investment into the local area). The Newlands design would be developed to support/harmonise with this.