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Neolithic trackway on Hatfield Moor

(Henry Chapman)

Consented and unconsented tracks in the North Pennines over deep peat (Google Maps)





Highland railway across Rannoch Moor

(Sandy Smeaton)



Social housing development in Fort William

(Jessica Fior-Berry)

Viking windfarm – Shetland Isles

(Angela Irvine)





**Area of removed track after
6 years, North Pennines**

(Jessica Fior-Berry)

“Peatlands cannot be considered irreplaceable”





There are no instructions for what went before; just because we can recreate something does not mean it will be a replica



In what areas do you interact with development issues in your work? (Keywords)

**“Development goals should be prioritised
ahead of biodiversity goals”**





If IUCN UK PP were to issue a position statement on 'Peatlands and Development' what considerations or evidence would you like us to include?

“The planning for developments factors in appropriate and proven mitigation to avoid long-term impacts”





Where do compromises need to be made to find a mutually agreeable way forward?

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