



Making Space for Nature in Kent and Medway

Developing the County's Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Housekeeping

- This meeting will be recorded.
- Please turn off video and mute yourself.
- Please put any questions in the Chat.
- Please 'like' any questions already in the Chat if you would like them prioritised.
- We will try to answer as many questions as possible today, for those we don't have time for, we will provide a written answer.
- We are developing FAQs

Land Advice Network Briefing

Monday 13th November 2023

Agenda

Topic	Presenter	Time
Welcome	Alexa Murray Mujtaba	5 mins
Introductions	Project team	5 mins
Overview of Making Space for Nature	Liz Milne	5 mins
Landowner Engagement and Land Advice Network	Alexa Murray Mujtaba	15 mins
Q&A and Discussion	All	15 mins
Next Steps	All	15 mins

Project Team



**Making Space
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MS4N Project Manager
Liz Milne



MS4N Project Officer
Chris Drake



MS4N Support Officer
Rachel Boot



MS4N Landowner Officer
Alexa Murray Mujtaba



MS4N Local Government Officer
Katie Pattison



MS4N Coastal & Marine Officer
Louise Lawton



MS4N Rivers & Freshwater Officer
Kathi Bauer (1 day week)

Responsible Authority for LNRs development
Kent County Council

Natural England LNRs Senior Advisor
Karen Rigby-Faux







Arms Length Bodies
Forestry Commission,
Will Maiden
Environment Agency,
Sophie Page



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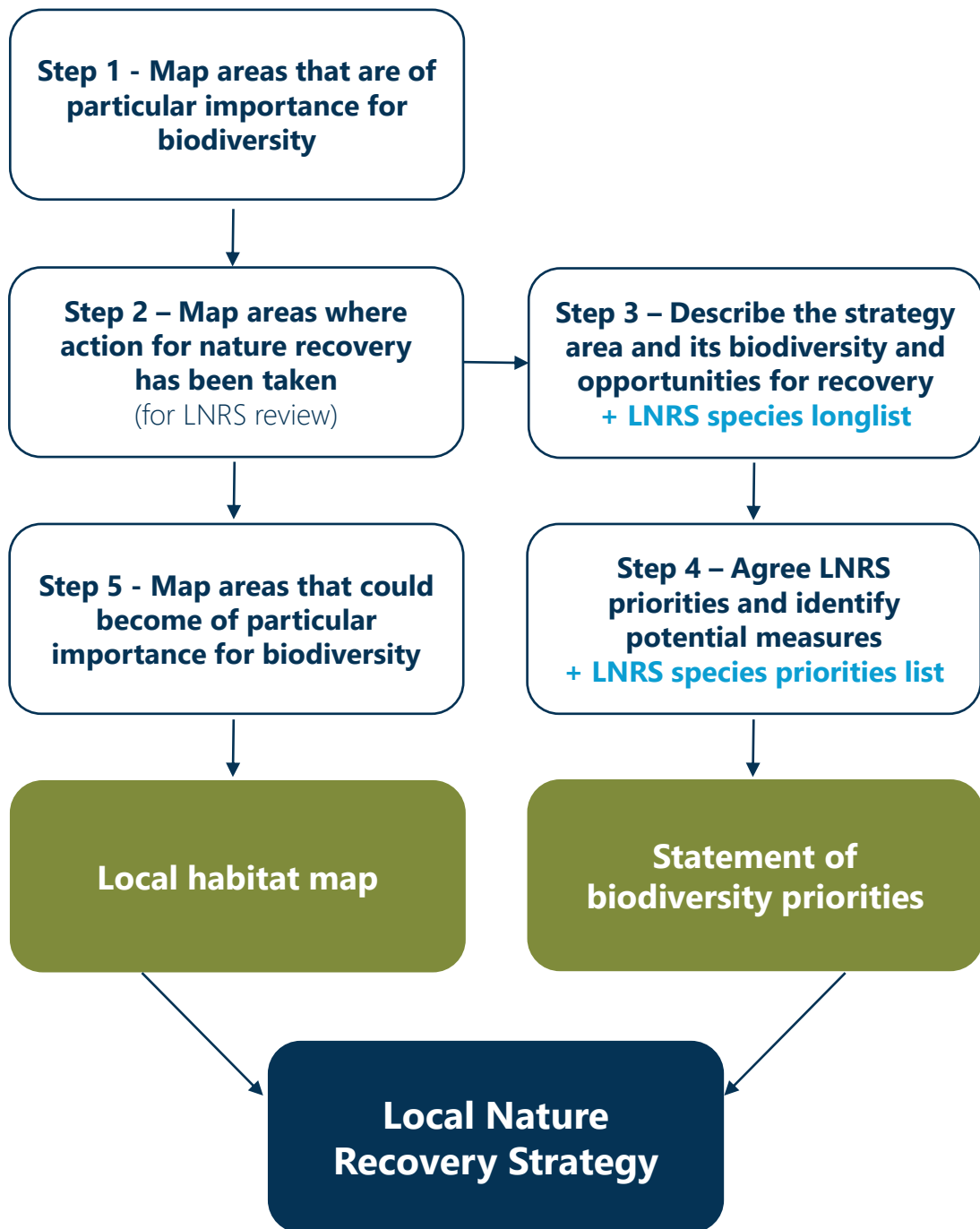
What will Making Space for Nature develop?

- A **spatially** framed strategy for nature – focussing action to where its most needed and/or where it will deliver the greatest benefits. 
 - A framework for **joined-up** action, developed with those that will be instrumental in its delivery. 
 - A set of **agreed priorities** for nature recovery, with **measures** to deliver. 
 - A **shared vision** for nature recovery and the use of nature-based solutions in Kent and Medway. 
 - An **ambitious but realistic and deliverable** plan, linked to supporting mechanisms and finance.
- Network of **wildlife-rich** places across the county.
 - **Restored and healthy** natural environment.
 - **Coherent and resilient** ecological network.
 - County **thriving** with wildlife and plants.
 - Natural landscape that inspires **engagement**, underpins **health and wellbeing** and supports the **economy**.
 - Nature providing **solutions** to some of the county's societal challenges.

What the LNRS will and won't do

- ✘ Will not draw localised, detailed or definitive boundaries.
- ✘ Will not dictate actions on land or instruct their implementation.
- ✘ Will not force land owners and managers to make changes
- ✘ Will not be developed without your input.
- ✘ Will not be published without a full public consultation.
- ✘ Will not end in 2025.
- ✓ Will identify areas of Kent where the creation or improvement of habitat is likely to provide the greatest benefit
- ✓ Will identify “potential measures” to support delivery of the priority but will not instruct that they are implemented on the land.
- ✓ Will inform opportunities for funding and investment, which the government will use to encourage participation.
- ✓ Will actively seek input from farmers, landowners and managers.
- ✓ Will listen to all views on land proposed as areas of potential importance.
- ✓ Will review, revise and republish on a regular cycle.





Development

- Development will be **evidence-based**, locally led and **collaborative**.
- Must follow **statutory guidance** and meet LNRS regulations.
- Will be developed by a “**responsible authority**” – Kent County Council for the Kent & Medway LNRS
- Responsible authorities are not solely responsible for delivering the strategy – it will be a **shared effort** with public, private and voluntary sector partners all playing a role.

Project programme

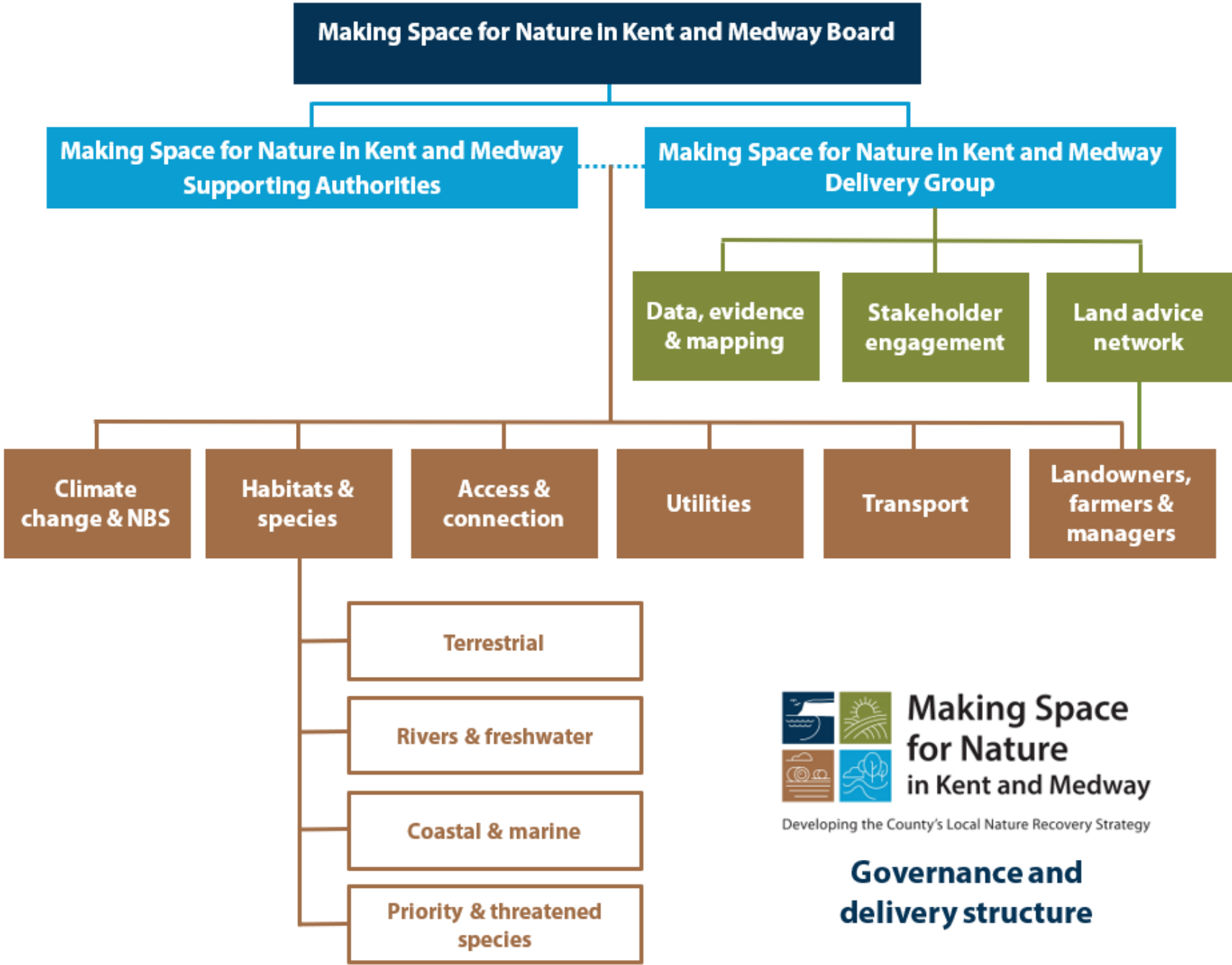
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Project development and inception						Local habitat map – areas of particular importance for biodiversity						Local habitat map – areas that could become of particular importance for biodiversity						Consultation and publication					
						Strategy area description + LNRS species long list																	
						Mapping of existing projects and action																	
						Statement of biodiversity priorities (and measures) + LNRS species priorities list																	

Political and strategic oversight and governance

Steering groups – support, oversight and guidance

Technical Advisory Groups

Stakeholder Engagement Groups



Governance and delivery structure

Land Advice Network

Why are we creating a Land Advice Network?

- LNRS will be **locally led** and **collaboratively developed**
- To enable County scale nature recovery **landowners, farmers and land managers involvement is essential** to the development of the strategy
- LNRS will link to **future funding** opportunities, through **BNG** and **ELMS**

Our objective is that landowners, farmers and land managers across Kent and Medway know:

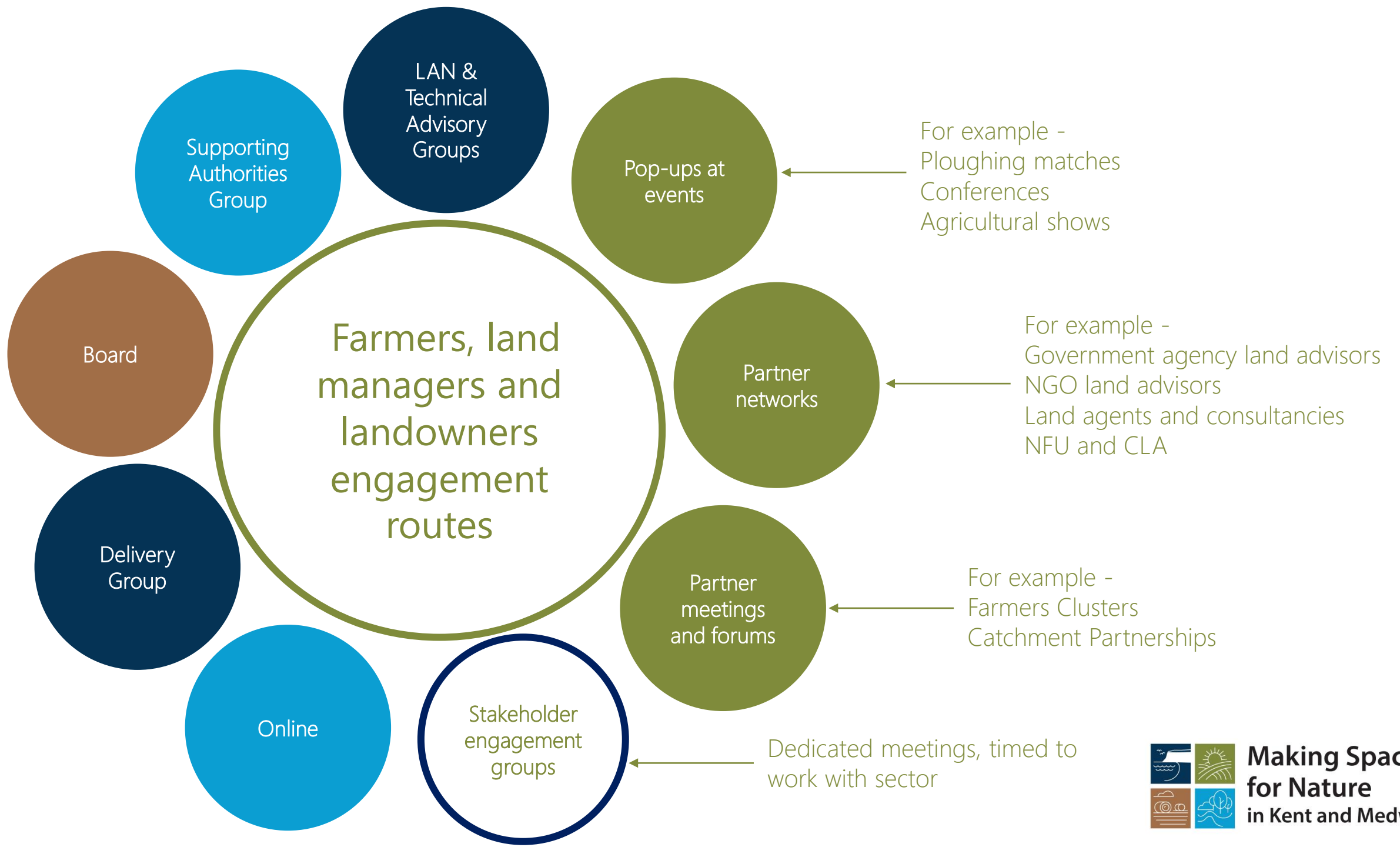
- ✓ What the LNRS is
- ✓ What the LNRS means for them
- ✓ How to take part in the development of the Strategy

The role of the Land Advice Network is to:

- Enable engagement with **as many landowners, farmers and land managers** as possible, through **trusted relationships**
- Provide a mechanism for **two-way** communication
- **Equip you** with **knowledge and understanding** so that you can help those you work with understand what the LNRS means for them and promote engagement
- Provide an opportunity for **knowledge sharing** across the Advisory community
- Develop **new relationships** across the County

Land Advice Network





Landowner, land manager and farmer representation

Board: CLA Chair and NFU Chair

- Political and strategic oversight and scrutiny.
- Ensuring legislative requirements are met and that there is comprehensive engagement.
- Leadership for any raised matters of concern or conflict.

Delivery group: CLA Officer and NFU Officer

- Guiding, steering and advising role for strategy's development.

Land Advice Network wide representation of bodies working with, and advising, farmers, land manager and landowners

- Support engagement work through established networks, forums, groups and relationships
- Coordinate engagement and communication work
- Advise on engagement and communication activities
- Provide expert advice on the sector

Stakeholder engagement groups: open to all

- Focussed on specific aspect of strategy
- Enable engagement with stakeholders on matters specific to their area of interest and/or influence
- Provide a forum through which the Strategy can benefit the wide collective expertise within Kent.

Landowner, farmer and land manager engagement

Landowner
Officer

Land
Advice
Network

Landowner, farmer
and land manager
Stakeholder
Engagement
Group

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Local priorities

Local habitat map – areas of particular importance for biodiversity

Local habitat map – areas that could become of particular importance for biodiversity

Consultation and publication

Awareness & support during Consultation

Awareness – ongoing

Strategy area description + LNRS species long list

Capturing existing projects and actions

Mapping of existing projects and action

Statement of biodiversity priorities (and measures) + LNRS species priorities list

Proposal for meetings and supporting materials:

1. In-person meeting - 12th December
2. Online fortnightly/monthly meeting at time to suit e.g. 8.30am

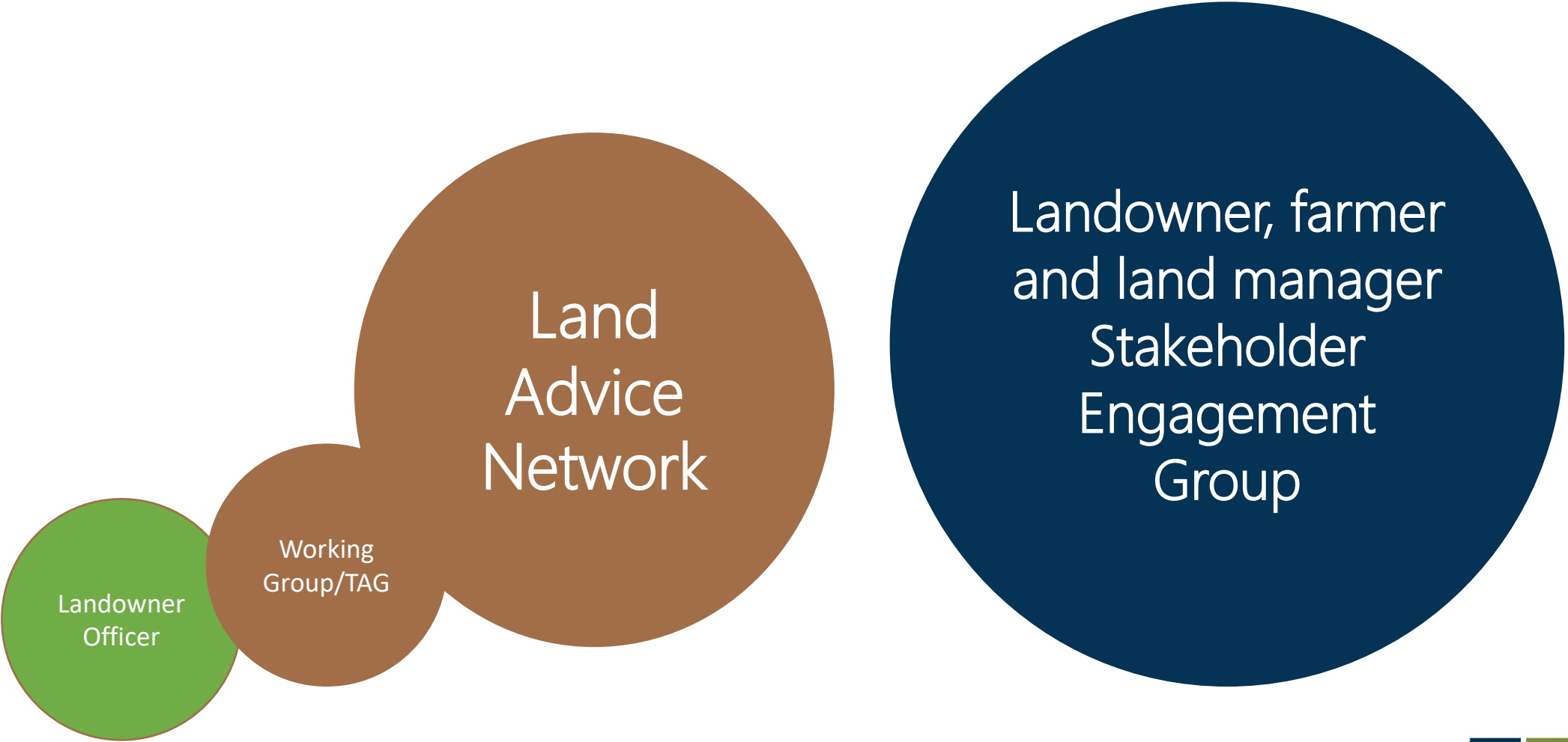
Agenda:

- Briefing on request/update on progress/issues
- Preview of upcoming requests
- Preview/feedback on surveys or Apps to be used to support

Supporting materials:

- Newsletter content and photos
- Short 'talking points'
- Slide presentations

Landowner, farmer and land manager engagement



Conclusion

- New
- Tight timetable
- Practical and deliverable, and ambitious

....with your help, we can do it!



Discussion & Q&A

1. Do you have any questions about the MS4N project generally?
2. What are thoughts on the Land Advice Network?
 - How do we make it as effective as possible?
 - What tools and support do you need?
3. Would you like to volunteer for the TAG?

Next Steps

1. Land Advice Network meeting - In Person

Proposed: 12th December, Marden Hockey and Cricket Club,
9.30am – 1.30pm

2. Online-meeting – what day/time?

3. Please volunteer for the TAG:

- Email Alexa.Murraymujtaba@kent.gov.uk

Resources:

[https://www.makingspacefornaturekent.org.uk
/resources/making-space-for-nature-video-
webinars-and-presentations](https://www.makingspacefornaturekent.org.uk/resources/making-space-for-nature-video-webinars-and-presentations)

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Thank you!

Supporting Authority Group

Purpose of the SAG:

provide political and strategic oversight and governance for the development of the Kent & Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

The SAG will:

- Ensure the statutory and legislative requirements of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy are met.
- Ensure that the Strategy is developed in an appropriate and timely way and undertakes comprehensive engagement with all stakeholders.
- Act as a review panel and decision-making forum for the tabling of any objections to the Strategy's preparation and/or the Strategy itself.

Members:

- Ashford Borough Council
- Canterbury City Council
- Dartford Borough Council
- Dover District Council
- Ebbsfleet Development Corporation
- Folkestone & Hythe District Council
- Gravesham Borough Council
- Kent County Council
- Maidstone Borough Council
- Medway Council
- Natural England
- Sevenoaks District Council
- Swale Borough Council
- Thanet District Council
- Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
- Tunbridge Wells Borough Council



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Board

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Members:

- Country Land and Business Association Kent Chair
- High Weald AONB Director
- Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Environment
- Kent County Council Director for Environment
- Kent Downs AONB Director
- Kent Nature Partnership Chair
- Kent Rural Partnership Chair
- Kent Wildlife Trust Chief Executive
- Medway Council Cabinet Member for Environment
- Medway Council Director of Place
- National Farmers Union Kent Chair
- Natural England Deputy Director Kent and Sussex
- Supporting Authorities represented by Kent Chief Planners Chair & TMBC Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Regeneration and Property.



Delivery Group

Purpose of the Delivery Group:

provide the technical and sectoral advice required to steer the preparation of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

Not designed to enable broad stakeholder engagement but be representative of key stakeholder groups.

The Delivery Group will:

- Ensure that the development of the Strategy is based on the widest and most inclusive stakeholder engagement feasible.
- Ensure that the Strategy meets the needs of the county's biodiversity and wider environment.
- Ensure that the Strategy is evidence-led and developed with technical expertise and scrutiny.

Members:

- Countryside Management Partnerships
- Country Land and Business Association Kent
- Environment Agency
- Forestry Commission
- High Weald AONB
- Kent County Council
- Kent Downs AONB
- Kent & Medway Biological Records Centre
- Kent Public Health
- Kent Wildlife Trust
- Marine Management Organisation
- Medway Council
- National Farmers Union Kent
- Natural England
- RSPB
- Supporting Authorities
- South East Rivers Trust



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Technical Advisory Groups

Purpose of the Technical Advisory Groups:

to provide their insights, skills, guidance and expertise to the Making Space for Nature project on a specific aspect of the LNRS development.

Not designed to enable broad stakeholder engagement but rather is a focussed group of the county's experts, selected based on their technical competency and/or experience, that will ensure the technical and/or practical soundness of the Strategy's development.

All recommendations of a TAG are advisory – the Responsible Authority, under the steer of the Delivery Group, retains responsibility for subsequent decisions and actions.

The Technical Advisory Groups will:

- Advise on specific elements of the LNRS development, providing their collective expertise to the project.
- Provide a collective and representative view and make recommendations to the Responsible Authority.
- Act as a conduit to a wider community of experts within their field.
- Provide this expertise independent of their own body's agenda, priorities and interests.

Proposed Technical Advisory Groups :

- Land advice
- Data, evidence and mapping
- Stakeholder engagement
- Species recovery



Roles and Responsibilities

Technical Land Advice Group (Project)

- Provide expert advice on the sector
- With Landowner Officer, develop a Landowner Engagement Plan
- Help development of the advice, tools and support needed by the LAN to engage with landowners.
- Support and help to shape the formal engagement for Consultation on the strategy, once on the Draft LNRS and again on the final version prior to publication
- Active participation through monthly meetings, review of documents, feedback etc

Land Advice Network (On-going)

- Provide expert advice on the sector
- Support engagement work through established networks, forums, groups and relationships, provide information about LNRS in regular events, meetings, newsletters and advisory services.

In particular work with landowners to:

- Provide insight on landowners priorities
- Identify areas where nature recovery action has already taken place.
- Help to ensure that actions developed to implement the strategy are realistic and deliverable
- Advise on how to engage with landowners who are not currently members or established groups and networks

Stakeholder Engagement Groups

Purpose of the Stakeholder Engagement Groups:
to provide the opportunity for a wide and diverse number of stakeholders to comprehensively engage with and contribute to the development of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

The Stakeholder Engagement Groups will:

- Provide dedicated working groups focusing on a specific aspect of the LNRS's development.
- Enable engagement with stakeholders on matters specific to their area of interest and/or influence.
- Provide a forum through which the Strategy can benefit from the input of the wide collective expertise within Kent.

Proposed Stakeholder Engagement Groups:

- Terrestrial habitats
- River and freshwater habitats
- Coastal and marine habitats
- Species recovery
- Landowners, farmers and managers
- Climate change and nature based solutions
- Access and connection
- Utilities
- Transport
- Developers and business?

Open to all – register interest online