



# Making Space for Nature in Kent and Medway

Developing the County's Local Nature Recovery Strategy

## Kent and Medway LNRS mapping workshops September 2024

### Workshop purpose and introduction

The purpose of the workshops is to effectively ground truth the desk-based mapping work, with stakeholders having the opportunity to interrogate the layers that inform and make up the LNRS's Areas that Could become of Importance for Biodiversity (ACIB).

The ACIB has been created by:

Mapping each potential measure to the areas where it will deliver the greatest benefits for nature and wider environmental goals.



Combining these potential measures to create a mapped layer of "Areas that could become of importance for *dedicated* habitat" – based on each of the habitat sub-priorities.



Combining these areas to create a mapped layer of "Areas that could become of importance for *specific* habitat grouping" – based on grassland; successional habitats; woodland, trees & hedgerows; . freshwater; urban; and coastal.



Combining these areas to create the county-wide "Areas that could become of importance for biodiversity".

The following mapping will be available for stakeholders to review and scrutinise during the workshop:

- The complete draft LNRS “Areas that Could become of Importance for Biodiversity” map for Kent and Medway; i.e. the final output of all the potential measures mapping.
- The map for each habitat-based grouped priorities; and over-arching grouped priorities:
  - o Connectivity
  - o Nature based solutions
  - o Land management and land use
  - o Grassland habitats
  - o Successional habitats
  - o Woodland, trees and hedgerows
  - o Freshwater
  - o Urban
  - o Coast
- The map for each sub-priority.

Where possible, we will also seek to have some of the base layer information available as maps; that being the evidence layers that were used to inform the different layers of LNRS mapping.

## **Programme**

### **9.30am Registration and refreshments.**

Large maps will be available around the room for people to look at during this period.

### **10.00am Introductions**

- Chair’s welcome.
- Overview of how maps have been produced (if available in time, copies of the maps and an overview of the process will be circulated to stakeholders ahead of the workshops).
- Stakeholder questions.
- Instructions for workshop.

### **10.30am Session 1 – reviewing the priority areas for the habitat-based potential measures.**

Tables will be based on the six habitat-based groupings:

- Grassland habitats
- Successional habitats
- Woodland, trees and hedgerows
- Freshwater
- Urban
- Coast

There will be three 40 min sessions, with stakeholders able to attend three of the six habitat focused tables. Stakeholders are also welcome to move to another table during each session.

Stakeholders will be able to interrogate and comment on the siting of potential measures, that make up the priority areas for each specific habitat and habitat grouping.

Tea and coffee will be made available during this morning session.

- 12.30pm      **Lunch.**
- 1.00pm      **Session 2 – reviewing the priority areas for the LNRS overarching priorities.**  
Tables will be based on the three overarching priorities of:
- Connectivity
  - Nature based solutions
  - Land management and land use
- Stakeholders will be asked to attend one table during this session.
- 1.40pm      **Session 3 – reviewing the ACIB.**  
Tables will be based on geographic regions of Kent (north, south, east and west)
- 2.20pm      **Plenary session**  
Each table from session three to note any challenges of, extensions to, or proposals for new Areas that Could become of Importance for Biodiversity. Comments and thoughts to be invited from workshop delegates.
- 2.55pm      **Next steps and thanks from Chairman.**
- 3.00pm      **Close.**