



Developing the County's Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Pressures and Priorities Workshop

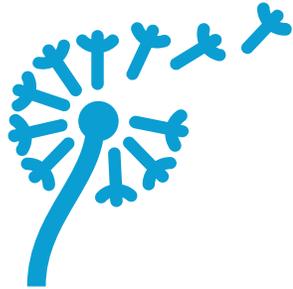
- 10.30am - Welcome and introductions from Chair
- 10.40am - Introduction to Making Space for Nature
- 10.50am - Introduction to first workshop session
- 11.00am - Pressures for Kent and Medway's nature
- 12.00pm - Feedback
- 12.30pm - Lunch, networking & view project outputs
- 1.30pm - Introduction to second workshop session
- 2.30pm - Feedback
- 3.00pm - Next steps
- 3.15pm - Workshop close



What are Local Nature Recovery Strategies?



Legal requirement - Environment Act 2021.



48 across England – no gaps or overlaps.



Led by regulations and statutory guidance, a developed with Defra grant.



Landscape-scale.



Locally developed by appointed Responsible Authority.



Collaboratively developed.

Will agree the local priorities and associated actions for nature recovery and wider environmental benefits, that collectively will deliver a nature recovery network for England, ending the decline of nature and supporting its recovery.

Making Space for Nature in Kent and Medway

- Spatially framed strategy for nature – focussing action to where its most needed and/or where it will deliver the greatest benefits.
- Framework for joined-up action, developed with those that will be instrumental in its delivery.
- Set of agreed priorities for nature recovery, with measures to deliver.
- Shared vision for nature recovery and the use of nature-based solutions in Kent and Medway.
- Ambitious but realistic and deliverable plan, linked to supporting mechanisms and finance.



How will the LNRS deliver nature recovery?



Local Plan making



Nature based solutions



Biodiversity Net Gain



Collaborative framework



ELMS



County-wide, mapped framework



Other grants and investment

- ✓ Action and investment directed to areas of greatest need and benefit.
- ✓ Losses and impacts directed away from most valuable assets.

How to influence the LNRS

Influence why

Pressures, threat, challenges, opportunities
Workshops 1 (morning session) and online survey

To identify what are the **key issues** the LNRS needs to address and the opportunities it needs to realise

Influence (the potential) what

Priorities longlist
Workshops 1 (afternoon session) and online survey

To identify what **outcomes** the county would like to see for nature – a “**wish list**” informed by threats and opportunities

Influence what

Priorities shortlist
Workshops 2 (Apr/May) and online survey
(plus sector specific engagement)

Focussing attention and resources on **prioritised outcomes** to deliver the greatest benefits.

Influence how

Potential measures
Action for nature mapping (Feb-Mar), workshops 2 (April/May) and online survey
(plus sector specific engagement)

The **actions** needed to deliver the shortlisted outcomes – the activities that attention and resources will be directed to.

Influence where

Mapping areas that could become of importance for biodiversity
Online mapping tool (summer), workshops 3 (Sept) and online survey
(plus sector specific engagement)

The **areas** where effort and resources should be concentrated to restore habitat, to achieve the most for biodiversity and the wider environment.



Any questions?

Aims of pressures and priorities workshop



- Establish the foundations of our partnership approach and develop the relationships that will enable this.



- Give you the opportunity to be part of the LNRS development from the outset.



- Identify the pressures, threats and challenges that the LNRS will be addressing.



- Identify all the outcomes for nature the county wants to see – where stakeholders want to get to in terms of Kent's nature.



- Provide the opportunity for you to view and input to other developing aspects of the project.

Why are we developing an LNRS.... **identifying why it is needed.**

- What are the key issues that the LNRS needs to consider when setting its priorities for nature?
- What are the current, and future, pressures, threats and challenges?



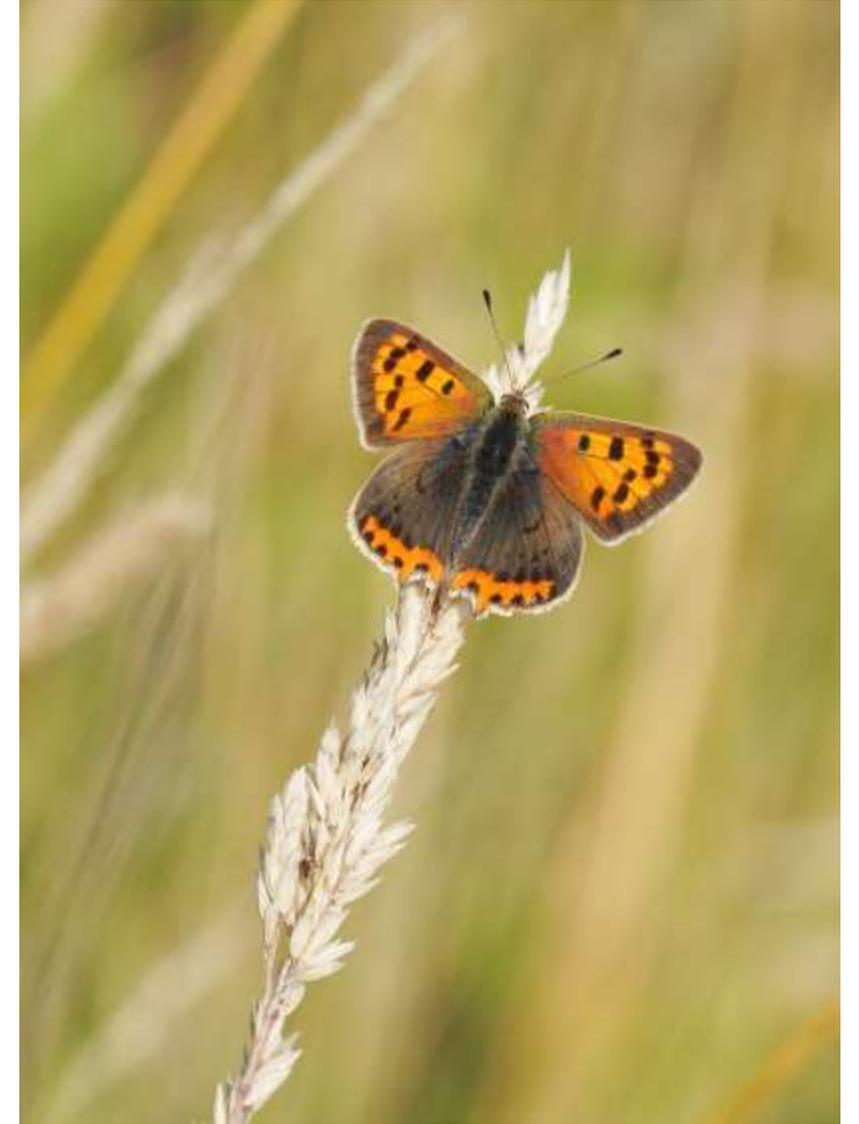
What might our priorities **include...what outcomes do we** want to see?

- Create a “wish list” of outcomes for Kent and Medway’s nature.
- Informed by the pressures.



Morning session – identifying pressures

- By understanding the pressures for the county's natural areas and species, we can better determine what the strategy needs to be addressing through its priorities and potential measures.
- The pressures will be an important part of the priorities shortlisting process – any proposed priority must address a local pressure.



What is a pressure? A pressure can be expressed as -

Driver	The broad influence or cause	For example, an above average population growth	Likely to not be something the LNRS can address but still needs to be recorded.
Impact	The effect that the influence has.	For example, increasing demand for development	Limited scope for LNRS to address but may be able to develop measures that mitigates or minimises.
Negative outcome	How the impact manifests itself in respect of nature.	Habitat fragmentation and loss of natural areas.	This is what the LNRS will be aiming to address.

What pressures for Kent and Medway?

- Driver (influence)
- Impact (effect)
- Negative outcome (result on nature)



Other thoughts on pressures

- Are there pressures unique, or especially relevant, to Kent and Medway?
- Are there any pressures which, if not addressed nationally, will restrict the success of nature recovery at the local level (and therefore the LNRS) – or any other dependencies?



Morning session – your tasks!

1. Firstly, please try to sit on tables without your colleagues.
2. Identify **pressures** for nature in Kent and Medway.
3. Define pressures to an **impact** or **negative outcome**.
4. Identify pressures **unique, or especially relevant, to Kent and Medway** for group feedback.
5. Over lunch - note pressures (and other dependencies) which, if not addressed nationally, will restrict the success of nature recovery at the local level.

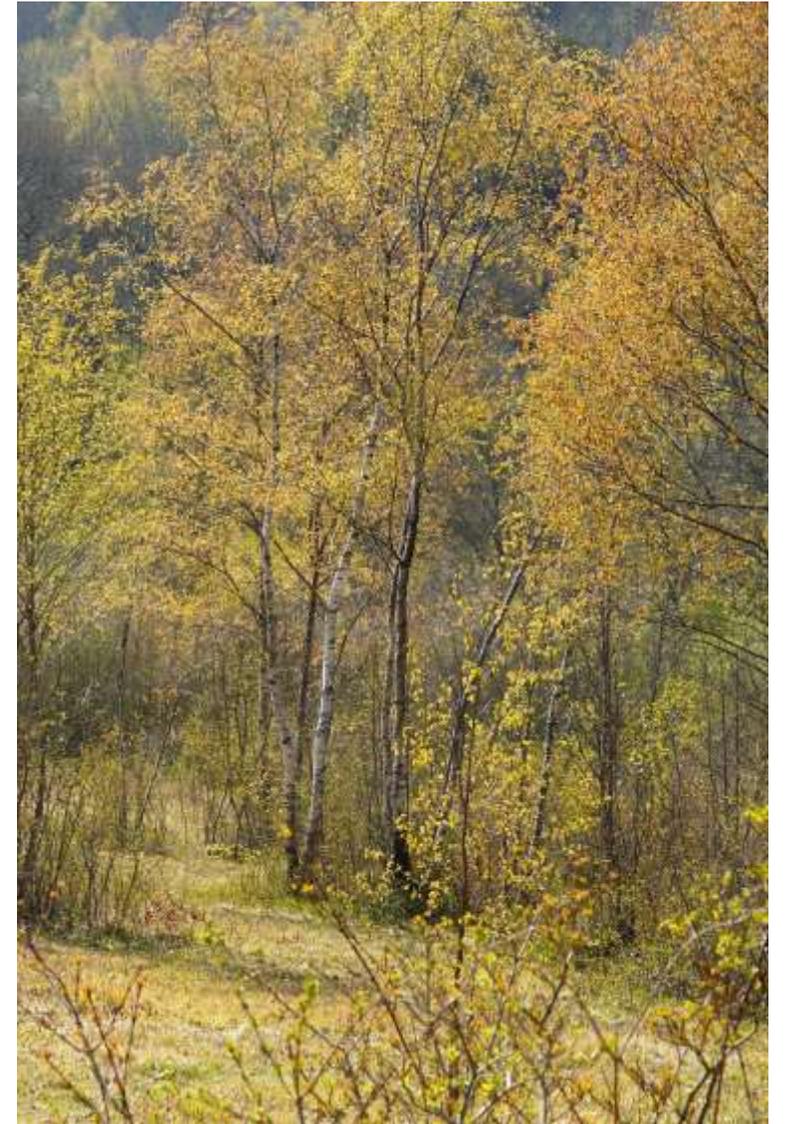
Driver – the broad influence or cause

Impact – the effect that the influence has.

Negative outcome – how the impact manifests itself in respect of nature.

Afternoon session – identifying potential priorities (outcomes)

- The outcomes identified by the workshops will create a longlist from which the LNRS priorities will be selected.
- The LNRS priorities will be the focus for action in Kent and Medway.



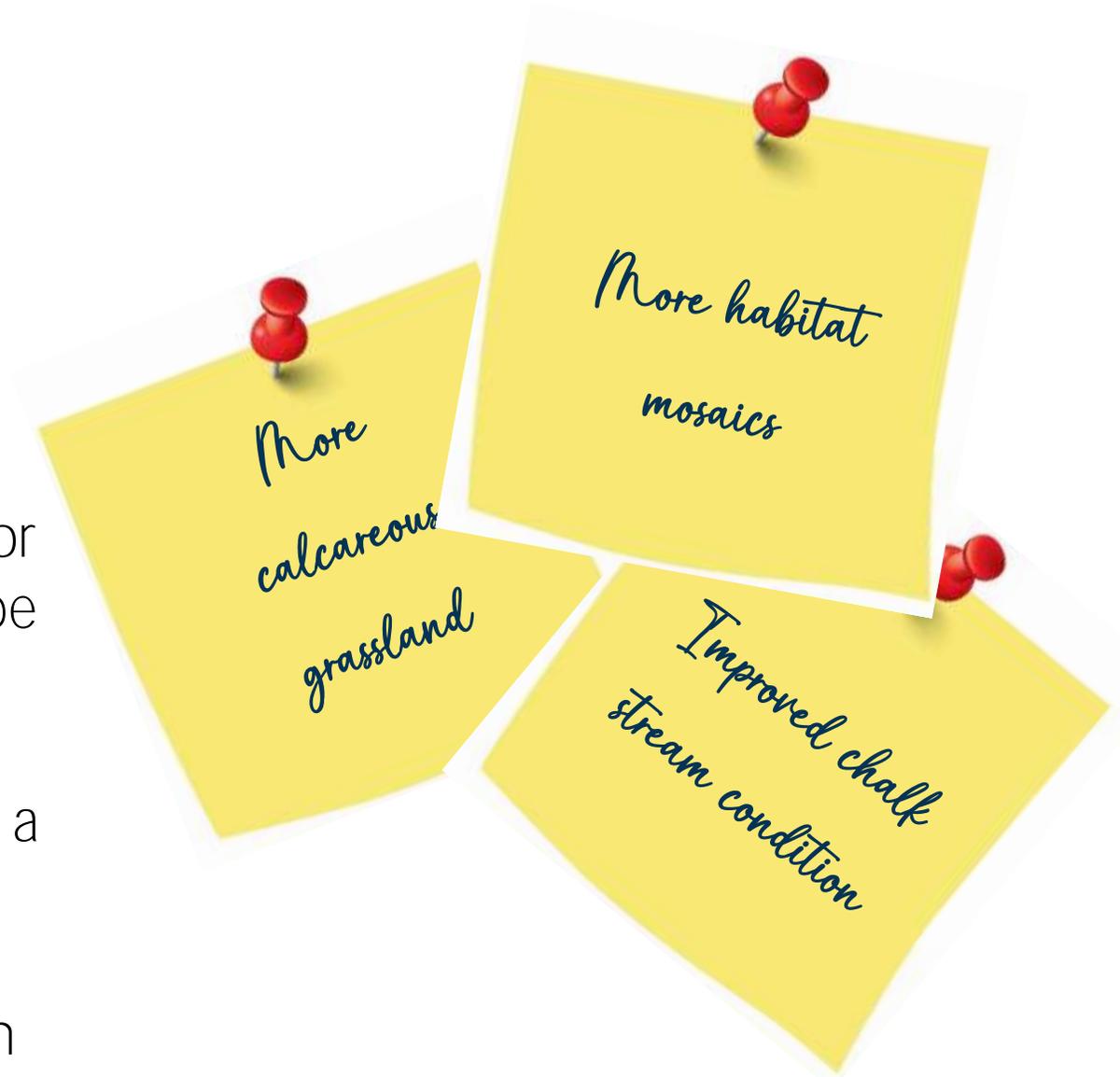
What is a priority?

- A priority for nature recovery – what the county thinks we should **focus** on to deliver nature recovery in Kent & Medway.
- Easier to think at this stage as what **outcomes** you would like to see for nature – where you want to get to in terms of our habitats and species.



What is a priority?

- Must focus on **habitats or species** – additional benefits can be associated but should not be the priority.
- Any outcomes that do not relate to habitats or species, should still be recorded but should be parked to be considered at a later stage.
- Not looking at delivery – outcome should be a **what**, not a how.
- Should not be location specific (although can note if particularly critical for a broad area).



Afternoon session – your tasks!

1. Firstly, please try to sit on tables without your colleagues.
2. Identify the **outcomes** you'd like to see for Kent and Medway's nature.
3. Relate them to a **habitats or species**.
4. If not related to a habitat or species, **park outcome**.
5. Agree as a group the **top two or three** outcomes for group feedback.

Outcome should be habitat
or species focussed.

Outcome should be the
what, not the how.

Outcome should not be
location specific.

Using workshop outcomes - pressures



- Workshop report collating all pressures and priorities/outcomes – published on website and promoted with stakeholders.

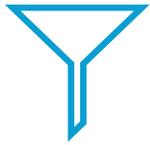


- Pressures to be collated and analysed.
- To consider LNRS role in addressing the pressure:
 - Manage – directly stop, prevent or avoid pressure or threat.
 - Influence – minimise the impact of the pressure or threat.
 - Mitigate – counter or enable adaption to the impact of the pressure or threat.
 - Out of scope – cannot address pressure (but may be pressure that could affect delivery of LNRS).



- Pressures will play important role in informing priorities shortlisting process.

Using workshop outcomes - priorities



- Priorities to be sifted to remove any that sit outside of scope of LNRS:
 - priority does not contribute to national environmental objectives.
 - priority does not address a pressure identified for the strategy area.
 - priority relates to a co-benefit rather than habitat or species (e.g. specific access priority)
 - priority relates to specific site/location/area
 - priority cannot be delivered by LNRS (e.g. stop water pollution)



- Remaining priorities in long list to be combined where possible to create a shorter, more condensed long-list.



- Priorities to be refined using shortlisting assessment.



- Priorities shortlisting report to be produced and published.



- Priorities shortlist will be focus for next set of workshops.

To do list

- Have a look at the priorities shortlisting assessment process - will be online and open for comments from 5th to 23rd February.
- Input any "action for nature" into the online mapping tool by end of March.
- Register for the May priorities and potential measures workshops when dates are released.
- Help promote the project to partners, colleagues, peers and friends - check us out on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn and share our posts.

