

Successional habitat priorities and potential measures

A potential measure is the proposed action to deliver the priority. They must be practical and achievable. Potential measures mapping identifies where the action determined as necessary for our nature recovery priorities should be strategically targeted to achieve the greatest gains for biodiversity and deliver the widest environmental benefits. It is only potential measures that are eligible for the biodiversity net gain strategic significance uplift – and only when those potential measures are delivered in the areas they have been mapped to.

Priority habitat	Potential measure reference number	Potential measure	Principle delivering against	Delivery preference
SH1 - open mosaic habitats found on previously developed land (brownfield)	SH1.1	Appropriate management plans in place for key open mosaic habitat on previously developed land (brownfield) sites, with measures that support the succession of habitats to occur naturally, increase edge habitat, create a graded profile of mixed habitat and provide features that support the species of interest most strongly tied to open mosaic habitats and, in particular, any species that the particular site in question is notable for.	Better	1
SH2 - Scrub	SH2.1	Selective conservation grazing of areas within the scrub to create open areas and allow for natural regeneration.	Better	1
	SH2.2	Maintain and integrate areas of scrub within arable land, woodlands, grasslands, wetlands and urban habitats to encourage successional habitats and provide wildlife corridors.	Connected	4
	SH2.3	Put in place active scrub management that provides a mix of young and mature scrub, bare ground and links with surrounding habitat.	Connected	4

Successional habitat priorities and wider measures

Wider measures are proposed actions which would be similarly beneficial over wide areas or those where it was not possible to determine specific locations to carry out the proposed action. Collectively, these wider measures identify areas of additional opportunities for nature recovery but do not form a part of the formal Strategy's local habitat map. Wider measures are NOT eligible for the biodiversity net gain strategic significance uplift – this only applies to potential measures.

There are no wider measures for successional habitats – all are potential measures.