

# Protecting and Restoring the Local Natural Environment and Biodiversity 2021

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- Nature is an increasing priority across Government as demonstrated through COP and the Environment Act
- The Environment Act sets a new target –
  - Halt species decline by 2030
- G7 and UN leaders Pledge –
  - Conserve or protect 30% of land and sea by 2030
- The Environment Act introduces statutory requirements for –
  - Local Nature Recovery Strategies
  - Biodiversity Net Gain
- Government will be producing a Nature Green Paper early next year

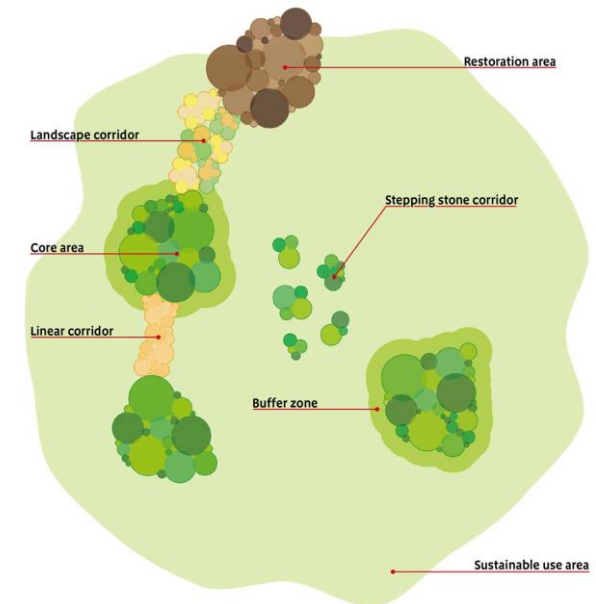
# The Nature Recovery Network is an outcome, that will grow and connect our wildlife-rich places



## Commitment in the 25 Year Environment Plan

An expanded, improved and increasingly connected network of wildlife rich places across England.

- Existing protected sites will form the core of the Network
- New or improved wildlife rich habitat outside of protected sites that will:
- Make a significant contribution to the Network
- And/or help connect the Network



Expert evidence suggests we need more habitat, in bigger patches, better condition, and more connected

**Making Space for Nature:  
A review of England's Wildlife Sites and Ecological  
Network**

Chaired by Professor Sir John Lawton CBE FRS

Submitted to the Secretary of State, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural  
Affairs on 16 September 2010

- Lawton review – loss and fragmentation of habitat key drivers of species loss
- What do we need?
  - More: habitat overall
  - Bigger: it must be in bigger patches
  - Better: the quality of habitat must be better
  - More joined up: connectivity within and between patches is crucial

The NRN is a means to an end, with a broad set of objectives and benefits to wildlife and people

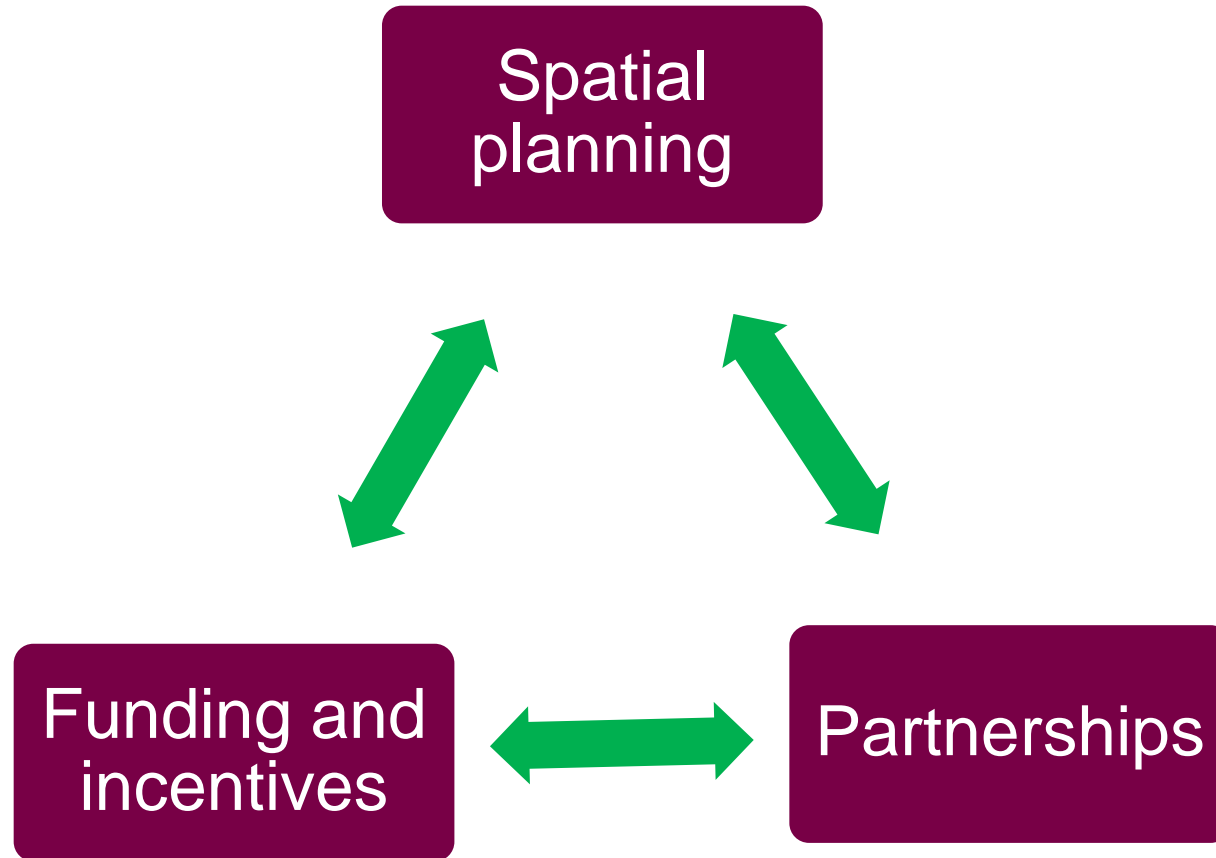
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- Restore 75% of protected sites on land (inc freshwaters) to favourable condition,
- Create or restore 500,000 hectares of wildlife-rich habitat outside of protected sites.
- Recover threatened and iconic animal and plant species.
- Deliver wide environmental, economic and social benefits e.g. carbon capture, flood management, recreation.
- Help provide benefits for physical and mental wellbeing by bringing nature closer to where people live and work.



We will take a co-ordinated approach to delivery

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# Spatial planning – Local Nature Recovery Strategies will help target resources and investment



- New requirement in the Environment Bill
- Agree priorities for nature's recovery and wider environment
- Map proposals
- Cover the whole of England
- Locally led
- Spatial framework for the Nature Recovery Network
- **A planning and targeting tool**

# Funding and incentives will enable landowners to carry out opportunities identified in LNRs



- A blend of public, private and voluntary sector resources
- G-ment are integrating the goals of the Network into a wide range of funding streams
  - Schemes that reward environmental land management
  - Nature for Climate
  - Biodiversity Net Gain
- There is a range of funding mechanisms - funding will need to join up at a local level



# Partnerships will bring people together to translate opportunities and funding into action on the ground



- We can not deliver alone – we must collaborate
- **National Delivery Partnership (led by NE)**
  - Bringing together the people that can use tools and funding to drive change on the ground.
  - Provide support and advice. Galvanise wide support and commitment from the public and private sector.
  - Open to any organisation – over 400 have signed up.
  - Oversight through a management group with sectoral and government representatives.
- **Local partnerships** – Key to delivery. We will support existing partnerships and create new ones where required.
  - Invested on NR leads in all areas
  - Over 100 partnership and recovery projects being funded

1. Encourage participation in and commitments to the NRN through the Partnership
  - Conference 30<sup>th</sup> March – Middlesbrough
2. Take forward nature recovery planning through LNRs
3. Secure and align public and private sector funding
4. Continue to deliver nature recovery projects across England at landscape or local scale

# Further information



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