



How to use the LCR local habitat map

Understanding the map

To help us achieve the nature recovery priorities set out in the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, we need to target habitat enhancement and creation in the places that would provide the **biggest benefit** for nature, the wider environment and for people. The local habitat map shows us where we could do this.

The map shows **core local nature sites** and **opportunity areas**. Core local nature sites are existing protected nature sites (such as local wildlife sites and national nature reserves) and irreplaceable habitat (those which are very difficult to restore once lost such as ancient woodland).

Opportunity areas are places where we think there is a potential opportunity to enhance, restore or create habitat. When you click on an opportunity area in the map, you will see the measures that go with this site. **Measures** are the practical actions that we think are most important to carry out at each location.

While we would love to see as many of the opportunities delivered as possible, the LNRS is not a delivery plan. The opportunity mapping is a modelled output based on best available data and local knowledge. As with any map that has relied on modelling, it can never be 100% accurate and any suggested opportunities will need to be ground-truthed.

The mapping of opportunity areas does not give permission to carry out proposals and does not prevent any other form of land use.

Search for an area

You can search for your postcode or an address in the search bar in the top left corner or simply zoom into an area that you'd like to see in more detail.

Have a look at the measures (suggested actions)

The coloured locations (opportunity areas) are areas where we have identified that there is a potential opportunity to take action for nature. The different colours represent the different habitat and species measures (actions) that can be found in section 6 of the Statement of Biodiversity Priorities (the strategy document).



Click on a coloured area to see what we think is the best action to take for nature in this location. On the left of the screen, you will see the following information:

- **Primary measure ID** is the primary measure, or the action, that we think would be most beneficial to deliver at this site. The numbers refer to the nature recovery priorities and measures that are established in the Statement of Biodiversity Priorities. For example, 3a.
- **Primary Measure Description** is a summary of this measure, as found in the Statement of Biodiversity Priorities. For example, measure 3a is “increased river and estuarine access for wildlife”.
- **Delivered By** is also taken from the Statement of Biodiversity Priorities. This provides further detail on the types of actions that would be involved in delivering the measure.
- **Secondary Measure ID** is a second option for this location which would still be beneficial to deliver, but not quite as impactful as the primary measure.
- **Secondary Measure Description** is a summary of this measure.

Focus on specific measures

You can use the box on the right to hide certain measures. This will be useful if you want to look at where an individual measure or habitat type is mapped across the region. For example, you could turn off everything except measure 3a to make it easier to see where 3a has been suggested as an opportunity across the region. You can also turn on/off groups of measure that relate to a specific habitat type, priority species or invasive species.