

Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Gathering views on the draft strategy

A nature rich landscape is beneficial for everyone but there has been increasing recognition nationally of a biodiversity crisis. We need to work together to address this decline in species groups and improve the condition of habitats. To support this work the Government has introduced Local Nature Recovery Strategies. The Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Strategy is one of 48 across England. The strategies encourage partnership working and offer options and guidance.

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) is a statutory document as set out in the Environment Act, 2021. It requires each county to develop its own strategy. Shropshire Council is the Responsible Authority for developing the LNRS for Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. Telford & Wrekin Council and Natural England act as Supporting Authorities within the process. Other partners include town and parish councils, farmers and land owners, farm advisory businesses and a range of other experts.

The draft Strategy is a result of collaborative effort but you may identify things that you feel could be added or improved. The strategy has two broad parts:

- **A written document** outlining opportunities and priorities for what, where and how we can enhance nature across the county
- **A map of actions** that can act as a guide to delivery showing where would have the most impact for nature

Please take a few moments to complete the survey below and provide your feedback before a final version of the strategy is approved.

You can skip any questions or sections you don't wish to provide comments on.

1. How are you responding to the consultation?

- ☐ A local resident
- ☐ A visitor to Shropshire or member of the public living elsewhere
- ☐ An individual farmer (tenant/landowner)
- ☐ A land agent or advisor
- ☐ Another company/organisation owning or managing land in the area
- ☐ An advisory body or specialist
- ☐ A local interest/ nature group
- ☐ A town or parish council
- ☐ A councillor (Shropshire or Telford & Wrekin)
- ☐ A council officer (Shropshire or Telford & Wrekin)
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Other (please specify)

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- ☐ Land management decision-making – e.g. seeking advice on how to take action for nature alongside farming.
- ☐ Planning a landscape-scale nature-focused project for strategic, large-area interventions.
- ☐ Planning a nature-focused project in your local community – such as habitat restoration or green space enhancement.
- ☐ Making your home or garden more nature-friendly – for individual actions that support biodiversity.
- ☐ Supporting Biodiversity Net Gain delivery – e.g. when buying/selling Biodiversity Credits or designing masterplans for development sites.
- ☐ Teaching purposes – e.g. using materials within school curricula or higher education modules.
- ☐ Evidence base – e.g. for grant applications or research projects.
- ☐ I don't know yet.
- ☐ I don't plan to use it.

☐ Yes, in full

☐ Yes, in part

☐ No

☐ Yes, in full

☐ Yes, in part

☐ No

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7. Please use this space for any comments, especially if you have identified any dissatisfaction with the draft strategy. Comments to explain any concerns are helpful.

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8. Please consider the following statements and select the response that best reflects your opinion.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
The introduction of the document is clear.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The guiding principles are well described and appropriate.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The state of nature is clearly set out and provides a good summary.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shropshire's landscape is well described.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The map is clearly explained.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The key opportunities summarise the most appropriate opportunities for the county.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How the LNRS will be delivered is clearly described.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understand what steps will be taken to monitor LNRS delivery.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. Please use this space to add any comments in relation to your answers above.

10. Is there anything you don't like? Please add comments if you are dissatisfied with the draft LNRS overall, or if you selected disagree/strongly disagree for any of the points listed above.

11. Is there anything you particularly like about the draft LNRS? Please add any feedback below.

12. Please consider the following themes from the strategy. Are you satisfied with the priorities and actions for that theme?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Farmed land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hedgerows	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water and waterways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trees, woodlands and woody habitats	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Grasslands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heathland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open habitats	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Built environment and amenity spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Invasive non-native species	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public access, health and wellbeing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. Please add comments if you are dissatisfied with content/approach taken for any of the themes listed above.

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Species

The LNRS Steering Group is very grateful to the input from the team of local taxonomic and species experts who have given their time to work through the process in line with the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) guidance.

14. Are you satisfied that species information is shown clearly?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied or dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied
- ☐ Don't know/ not applicable

15. To the best of your knowledge, are you satisfied that the species selected are those that are of highest importance for Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin's nature recovery?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied or dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied
- ☐ Don't know/ not applicable

16. Do you think there is a species in the county that isn't included that should be? If yes, please detail it below along with a species specific action. Please review the style of the other species specific actions for guidance.

17. If there are multiple other species you would like to add please use the space below.

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The Local Habitat Map

The following questions will ask about information found in **the LNRS map**.

Please take time to watch the video 'How to use the interactive map' and explore its layers fully. If you have suggestions that relate to specific proposed locations, you can make these directly on the map layer using the tools in the 'Add your comments here...' menu on the left-hand side.

If you own land that has been included within Zone 2 Opportunity Network that you would like to be removed. Please contact us directly via LNRS@shropshire.gov.uk.

The map views may not be accessible for everyone. If you'd like this information in a different format, please email LNRS@shropshire.gov.uk.

Please note: We are not asking questions relating to the Zone 1 Existing Nature Network (Areas of Particular Importance for Biodiversity), because land in this layer has been decided by Defra and is not to be consulted on by the public.

18. Review the Zone 2: Opportunity Network (Areas that could become of particular importance for biodiversity). To the best of your knowledge, are you satisfied that most areas selected are accurate as biodiversity opportunity areas?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied or dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

Please add any comments to support your answer above.

19. The Local Habitat Map may be used by community groups, landowners, developers, planners and others areas across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin to help guide what action to take to enhance nature. Do you agree that the map is clear to view and use? A map showing all the areas with the same proposed actions is in development to support strategic partners in their work.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree or disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know/ not applicable

20. Do you have any further comments on the LNRS map?

If you have ideas on how to improve the map’s usability, please include them here.
Suggestions relating to specific proposed locations for actions are best made directly on the map itself, using the ‘Add your comments here’ tools.

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21. Please consider the following statements and select the response that best reflects your opinion.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know/ not applicable
The actions required are clear and deliverable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The draft LNRS provides clear guidance and priorities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel confident that the draft LNRS will generate improvement.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. Are there any gaps in the draft strategy? Please describe any additional points and issues you would like to see covered.

23. Please use the space below if you have any suggestions for actions or solutions that are not covered within the draft.

24. Please use the space below for any other comments you would like to add.

25. Which geographical area are you interested in?

- ☐ Shropshire Local Authority area
- ☐ Telford & Wrekin Local Authority area
- ☐ Both (all of Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin)
- ☐ Other or elsewhere

Other (please specify)

26. If you would like to be added to a mailing list to receive updates on the LNRS please complete the section below (this is optional):

Name

Organisation (if relevant)

Email

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27. How did you find out about this survey?

- ☐ Shropshire Council newsroom or website
- ☐ Shropshire Council email or direct message contact
- ☐ Local media e.g. local newspaper or radio
- ☐ Local newsletter or via group membership
- ☐ Social media - Shropshire Council
- ☐ Social media - Other
- ☐ From my local councillor
- ☐ Word mouth e.g. neighbour, friend, family
- ☐ Other

About You

The next questions are all about you. We use this information to make sure we are delivering services to all sections of our community and that the feedback we have is representative. You do not have to complete this section if you don't want to, but it will help us to understand the feedback we receive and improve our services if you do.

If you do not wish to provide any of this information, please select 'prefer not to say' or skip the question as appropriate.

28. Are you?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Other (e.g. prefer to self-describe)
- ☐ Prefer not to say

29. What age group are you?

- ☐ 15 or under
- ☐ 16-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65-74
- ☐ 75-84
- ☐ 85+
- ☐ Prefer not to say

30. What is your ethnic group?

- ☐ White (British; Irish; Welsh)
- ☐ White (Gypsy, Roma or Irish traveller)
- ☐ Other white background e.g. Bulgarian, French, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, White South African, etc.
- ☐ Asian (Asian British; Bangladeshi Chinese; Indian; Japanese; Pakistani; any other Asian background).
- ☐ Black (Black African; Black British; Black Caribbean; any other Black background).
- ☐ Mixed (White and Asian; White and Black African; White and Black Caribbean; any other mixed background)
- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Other Ethnic Group
- ☐ Prefer not to say or don't know

31. Do you have any long-standing illness or disability that limits your daily activity?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

32. If yes, can you describe below. Please don't feel you have to complete this if you would rather not say. We ask this to check we understand the needs of people who are responding to the survey.

- ☐ Vision (for example blindness or partial sight)
- ☐ Hearing (for example deafness or partial hearing)
- ☐ Mobility (for example walking short distances or climbing stairs)
- ☐ Dexterity (for example lifting and carrying objects, using a keyboard)
- ☐ Learning or understanding or concentrating
- ☐ Memory
- ☐ Mental health
- ☐ Stamina or breathing or fatigue
- ☐ Prefer not to say

33. Which one of following best describes you?

- ☐ Working full time
- ☐ Working part time
- ☐ Zero hour contract
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Apprenticeship
- ☐ Training
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Prefer not to say

34. Your postcode (this will be used for mapping where respondents to the survey are from and will not be used to identify you or for any other purpose).

35. I consent for the information I have shared to be used to inform work on the LNRS for Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin. Please note this is important if you have shared your email and wish to be involved in future.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey

How we will use your information

This survey is anonymous and we should not be able to identify you from your responses. The information you have provided will be used for statistical purposes and to inform decision making.

The survey results data will be shared within Shropshire Council and Telford and Wrekin Council. We will not share the survey data with any third parties. We will only publish anonymised responses, parts of responses, or a summarized version of responses and will ensure individual survey respondents cannot be identified. Your response will be stored securely and kept in line with Shropshire Council's Retention Schedule.

We comply with data protection laws concerning the protection of personal information, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). For more information on how information is held by Shropshire Council and your rights to gain access to the information we hold on you please see our corporate privacy policy at www.shropshire.gov.uk/privacy

If you have any questions relating to the survey please email TellUs@shropshire.gov.uk and quote the name of the survey within your email.