Nature recovery and Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRSs)

2024-2025



Nature Recovery Plan

- ✓ Approved by Members April 2024
- ✓ Feeding into LNRS priorities and measures
- ✓ Delivery plan template drafted and test population carried out with Forestry Commission
- Delivery plan completion with other expert groups
- Incorporating reporting and delivery into NPMP, working with Strategy team
- Guidance mapping and visioning (begun April 2025)

What are Local Nature Recovery Strategies?

Government has made legally binding commitments to end declines in nature and for nature to recover. To do this, Government have said they need targeted, coordinated action and for everyone to work together. LNRSs are a way to do this and are being developed now. Each county will have an LNRS. There are six LNRSs that cover the Peak District National Park.

What will LNRSs look like?

Each LNRS will have a description of the county, a list of priorities, and a list of practical actions (measures) that could help achieve the priority.

There will also be maps showing designated sites such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), and a map of places that could be important for nature in the future. If there is enough information, actions that could lead to places becoming important are also mapped, for example, where hedgerow creation would best link woodlands.



Who is preparing LNRSs?

Responsible Authorities are writing and mapping LNRSs; either the County Council or Combined Mayoral Authority. District and Borough Councils, National Park Authorities and Natural England are all Supporting Authorities, and can object to LNRSs before the two compulsory consultations.

Cheshire: Cheshire West & Chester Council

Derbyshire: Derbyshire County Council

Greater Manchester: Greater Manchester Combined Authority

South Yorkshire: South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority

Staffordshire: Staffordshire County Council

West Yorkshire: West Yorkshire Combined Authority

- 28-day Supporting Authority period initiated September 2024.
- Public consultation November 2024-January 2025.
- March workshop to input into changes suggested by consultation responses.

- Input into habitat workshops, particularly for uplands August 2024.
- Priorities and measures being finalised.
- Input into mapping, particularly for uplands.
- Consultation expected autumn 2025.

Greater Manchester

Botton

Botton

Manchester

Trafford

Stockport

Cheshire

West Yorkshire

South Yorkshire

Doncaster

Sheffield

Rotherham

Derbyshire

- Significant concerns raised by all Supporting Authorities over issues with coordination by SYMCA, and methodology and outputs received by consultant RSK.
- Significant time spent on inputting into priorities and measures.
- Revised timeline indicates consultation early 2026.

- 28-day Supporting
 Authority period
 initiated early January,
 but unable to fully
 access mapping.
- Public consultation February-March.
- regarding no
 mapping of measures
 on designated sites
 and potential impact
 on future funding.
 Resolution of
 mapping issues
 underway.
- No objection raised on the presumption that mapping issues will be resolved.
- Long list of priorities produced with feed in from Nature Recovery Plan.

Staffordshire

• Consultation expected summer 2025.

- Draft received early December, mapping received mid-December.
- 28-day Supporting Authority period initiated early January. Some comments provided regarding language.
- Public consultation February-March.
- Serious concerns regarding no mapping of measures on designated sites and potential impact on future funding.
 Significant progress made on resolution for blanket bog, issues remain for other measures, particularly clough woodland.
- No objection raised on the presumption that mapping issues will be resolved.