

LNRS Consultation Questions:

The purpose of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) is to identify:

Priorities for nature's recovery across a range of different habitat* types and species*

The locations where there are opportunities to create, connect or improve habitat most likely to provide the greatest benefit for nature and the wider environment.

This is the first nature recovery strategy for Lancashire. Reflecting global and national trends, Lancashire's biodiversity* is declining. The strategy recognises the challenges we face in reversing this decline, but also the great opportunities we have for nature's recovery and the benefits action can have, not only for our important landscapes, habitats and species, but for the people of Lancashire. It will be the guiding strategy for nature recovery, helping to target action as well as to help inform future policies and plans.

The LNRS is not a delivery plan and does not place any obligations or restrictions on landowners. It does not add levels of designation to land and therefore does not assign any level of protection or restrictions on land use.

We are seeking your views on the draft LNRS. Your feedback will be used to finalise the strategy before it is published later this year.

All responses will remain anonymous. The results will be published after the consultation closes. Please submit your response by **Sunday 3 August 2025**.

Please visit [Lancashire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#) to see the draft Strategy and supporting information.

Apart from the first question, each question provides a link to the relevant information needed to answer it (either in the heading or in the question description). This will open in a new page. Please return to this page to continue completing the survey.

If required, you can save your responses at any point to return and resume completing your survey later. Please click 'submit' at the end of the survey to send your responses.

You do not need to answer every question.

A [Glossary](#) is provided, any specialist words will be followed by (*) as a reminder to refer to the glossary if required.

Please select the category that best describes you.

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Town or parish council
- ☐ Local Authority
- ☐ Registered charity
- ☐ Community group
- ☐ Private business
- ☐ Farmer, landowner or land manager
- ☐ Public service organisation
- ☐ Special interest group (please specify in the box below)
- ☐ Developer
- ☐ Other (please specify in the box below)

Which group or organisation are you responding on behalf of (please specify in the box below).

Have you been involved in any of the LNRS development process so far?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

If yes, were you a member of a Task & Finish group?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

If yes, please specify which one.

- ☐ Aquatic and Wetland
- ☐ Coastal and Estuarine
- ☐ Grassland
- ☐ Peatland

- ☐ Rocky Habitats
- ☐ Urban
- ☐ Wooded Habitats and Trees
- ☐ Land Management
- ☐ Linear Infrastructure
- ☐ Mapping, Data and Evidence
- ☐ Species

Did you complete our public engagement survey in March 2024?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

Please select one option only

Vision & Aims of the Strategy

The Strategy provides a collective vision for nature recovery to work together to protect, enhance and connect our rich biodiversity (the variety of plants and animals we have in Lancashire) and natural environment to be enjoyed by more Lancashire residents and visitors.

It aims to:

- Halt local biodiversity loss and support thriving species populations, which can move more freely through the landscape.
- Conserve natural resources and build resilience to climate change.
- Provide wider benefits for the people of Lancashire including increased and equitable* access to green space* and blue space*.
- Reinvigorate existing partnerships and establish new ones to deliver nature recovery in the places and spaces that need it most on a landscape-scale.

The vision and aims of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy are clear.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Please select one option only

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Strongly agree

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Tend to agree

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Tend to disagree

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Strongly disagree

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Don't know/not applicable

If you would like to make any comments about the vision and aims of the LNRS please provide them below.

Why we need a Local Nature Recovery Strategy

The main purpose of the LNRS is to identify locations to create or improve habitat (the natural place in which an animal or plant usually lives) most likely to provide the greatest benefit for nature and the wider environment.

These mapped areas are intended to guide where effort can be focused and joined up to help improve connectivity and resilience for habitats and species across Lancashire. The LNRS is not a delivery plan but can be used to identify the best opportunities for nature recovery, target action and funding and hopefully inspire people to take action. Delivering actions for nature recovery will also provide wider benefits such as public access to nature, natural flood-risk management, and resilience to climate change.

It is clear what the Local Nature Recover Strategy is trying to achieve.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Please select one option only

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Strongly agree

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Tend to agree

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Tend to disagree

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Strongly disagree

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Don't know/not applicable

If you would like to make any comments about why the LNRS has been developed and what it is trying to achieve please provide them below.

[Who the LNRS is for and how to use it](#)

Everyone can take action to create or improve habitats and support nature recovery.

The LNRS provides the information to understand how and where action could be taken to help nature recover. It identifies the opportunities for nature recovery action in locations that are likely to provide the greatest benefit. It can be used to help inform future policies and plans, to target action in the right places and secure funding.

It is clear how the LNRS can be used

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Please select one option only

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Strongly agree

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Tend to agree

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Tend to disagree

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Strongly disagree

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Don't know/not applicable

If you would like to make any comments about who the LNRS is for and how to use it, please provide them below.

Description of Lancashire's landscape, biodiversity and priorities for nature recovery

Priorities are the outcomes that the strategy is seeking to achieve. They focus on the seven broad habitat types found across Lancashire:

- Aquatic (water based) & wetlands*
- Coastal & estuarine (the tidal area where rivers meet the sea)
- Grasslands (including farmland)
- Lowland & upland peatland*
- Rocky habitats
- Wooded habitats & trees
- Urban & infrastructure networks (e.g., roads, rail, bridges and buildings)

It is clear what the LNRS priorities are seeking to achieve?

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Please select one option only

Strongly agree

Tend to agree

Tend to disagree

Strongly disagree

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Don't know/not applicable

If you would like to make any comments about the LNRS priorities for example if you feel any are missing, please provide them below.

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Potential Measures

Potential Measures are the actions that could contribute to achieving the LNRS Priorities and deliver wider gains for the environment and people of Lancashire.

To read about the Potential Measures for each broad habitat group and To answer the following question, ~~click on~~ follow the links provided below ~~for each broad habitat group~~.

[Aquatic and wetland](#)

[Coastal and estuarine](#)

[Grassland \(Including agricultural land\)](#)

[Peatland](#)

[Rocky Habitats](#)

[Wooded Habitats and Trees](#)

[Urban Habitats \(Including Infrastructure Networks\)](#)

It is clear what Potential Measures could be taken to achieve the LNRS priorities

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Please select one option only

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Strongly agree

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Tend to agree

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Tend to disagree

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Strongly disagree

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Don't know/not applicable

If you would like to make any comments about the LNRS Potential Measures please provide them below.

[Lancashire's Target Species](#)

Twenty-four species have been identified as 'Lancashire LNRS Target Species'. These are some of Lancashire's most scarce, declining or most important species requiring bespoke actions.

They are:

Mammals:

- Red squirrel

Birds:

- Hen harrier
- Black-tailed godwit
- Black-headed gull
- Lesser black-backed gull

Plants:

- Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem
- Northern bedstraw
- Wood crane's-bill
- Melancholy thistle
- Lady's slipper orchid
- Petty whin
- Dwarf cornel

Fish:

- Atlantic salmon
- European smelt

Invertebrates:

- Duke of Burgundy butterfly
- High brown fritillary butterfly
- Pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly
- Large heath butterfly
- Belted beauty moth
- Least minor moth
- Wall mason bee
- Tormetil mining-bee
- Bilberry bumblebee
- Red wood ant

[Lancashire LNRS Target Species, priority, potential measures and associated benefits](#) provides more detailed information.

I agree with the above list of twenty-four LNRS Target Species

Please select one option only

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Strongly agree

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Tend to agree

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Tend to disagree

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Strongly disagree

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Don't know/not applicable

If you would like to make any comments on Lancashire's twenty-four target species e.g., if you think any should be removed, or if any are missing, and if so why, please provide them below.

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Lancashire's Biological Heritage Sites priority and potential measures

Biological Heritage Sites (BHS) are the best areas for biodiversity in Lancashire, outside of legally protected sites. Maintaining and enhancing these important non-statutory wildlife sites is key to future nature recovery. They have their own Priority and Potential Measures to encourage only those actions which would restore, enhance and maintain the ecological interest of these sites.

It is clear what the BHS priority and measures are seeking to achieve.

Please select one option only

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Strongly agree

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Tend to agree

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Tend to disagree

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Strongly disagree

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Don't know/not applicable

If you would like to make any comments on the BHS priority and measures please provide them below.

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[Lancashire's Local Habitat Map](#)

The Local Habitat Map is intended to provide a clear visual way for groups and individuals to identify:

- I. Lancashire's Areas of Particular Importance for Biodiversity - i.e., the internationally, nationally and locally designated* sites as well as Biological Heritage Sites (~~Lancashire's most important Local Wildlife sites~~) and irreplaceable habitats*; and
- II. Those Areas that Could Become of Particular Importance – i.e., the locations where there are opportunities to create, connect or improve habitat most likely to provide the greatest benefit for nature and the wider environment.

Those that could become important have been identified to join up or expand existing areas of particular importance. This is intended to establish larger, more resilient networks of high-quality habitat, and show how spaces can be better connected across Lancashire.

It is clear what the Local Habitat Map is and how it can be used.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Please select one option only

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Strongly agree

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Tend to agree

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Tend to disagree

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Strongly disagree

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Don't know/not applicable

If you would like to make any general comments on the Local Habitat Map please provide them below.

If you think any areas have been inappropriately mapped then please let us know the details here [Local Habitat mapping question](#). More information is provided in the survey question.

Universal Priorities

Three 'Universal' Priorities that address pressures affecting all habitats are:

- **Minimising the build-up of different types of pollution** from nutrients such as sewage, and from soils and silt - for example following flooding events and pollution from industry and development
- **Biosecurity (measures aimed at preventing the introduction or spread of harmful organisms)** and the control of invasive species, and
- **Minimising the impact of recreational activities** e.g. limiting access to sensitive areas during nesting seasons

It is clear what the Universal Priorities are seeking to achieve?

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Please select one option only

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Strongly agree

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Tend to agree

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Tend to disagree

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Strongly disagree

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Don't know/not applicable

If you would like to make any comments on the universal priorities e.g., if you think any are missing, please provide them below.

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Supporting Actions

'Supporting Actions' are measures that will support and enable delivery of the LNRS Priorities, and which are grouped under the following themes:

- Data & evidence.
- Engagement & collaboration.
- Policies that support nature recovery.
- Funding and finance for nature recovery.

It is clear what the Supporting Actions are seeking to achieve.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Please select one option only

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Strongly agree

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Tend to agree

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Tend to disagree

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Strongly disagree

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Don't know/not applicable

If you would like to make any comments on the Supporting Actions, please provide them below.

If you would like to make any further comments on the draft LNRS please provide them below.

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If answering as an individual, the following demographic question will appear at the end:

About you

Are you...?

Please select one option only

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Female

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Male

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Gender non-conforming

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Other

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Prefer not to say

What age group do you belong to?

Please select one option only

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Under 25

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25-44

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45-64

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65+

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Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes your ethnic background?

Please select one option only

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Asian/Asian British

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Black/African/Caribbean/Black British

☐

Mixed/multiple ethnic groups

☐

White

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Other ethnic group

☐

Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to be a Deaf person or to have a disability?

Please select one option only

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Yes

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No

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Prefer not to say

What is your religion or belief?

Please select one option only

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Buddhist

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Christian (all denominations)

☐

Hindu

☐

Jewish

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Muslim

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Sikh

☐

Any other religious belief

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Any other spiritual belief

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No religion or belief

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Prefer not to say

Are there any children or young people in your household aged under 18? *Please select as many as apply*

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No, but expecting

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Yes, aged under 5

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Yes, aged 5-11

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Yes, aged 12-15

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Yes, aged 16-17

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No children aged under 18

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Prefer not to say

Please tell us which local authority area you live in. (This is the council named on your bins.)

Please select one option only

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Burnley Borough Council

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Rossendale Borough Council

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Chorley Council

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South Ribble Borough Council

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Fylde Borough Council

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West Lancashire Borough Council

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Hyndburn Borough Council

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Wyre Borough Council

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Lancaster City Council

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Blackpool Unitary Authority

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Pendle Borough Council

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Blackburn with Darwen Unitary Authority

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Preston City Council

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None of these

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Ribble Valley Borough Council

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Prefer not to say