

Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

A call to action

Why is nature important?

Making sure nature in our area is thriving is crucial. Nature provides food and homes for our wildlife and also a range of services that we all rely on – including flood risk management, clean air, clean water, climate regulation, pollination, adapting to climate change, raw materials, recreation and mental health benefits.

Our strategy area of Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes is also home to internationally rare chalk streams, nationally significant populations of species such as native black poplar trees and black hairstreak butterflies. Nature is both vital for human life and growth and is an important part of our heritage.



What is the LNRS and what can it do for nature and people?

Nature is essential, but is under threat, as a result of the impacts of climate change, pollution, pests and diseases and some forms of land use and management. To help nature recover and continue to provide homes for wildlife and its many wider benefits, all areas in England must now produce a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), required by the Environment Act.

LNRSs will consist of a written document (the 'Statement of Biodiversity Priorities') and a map (the 'Local Habitat Map'). Together these will provide an overview of the nature already present in the area and how it has changed over time, and identify and spatially map priorities for nature recovery and improvement – which will be based on stakeholder feedback and existing environmental plans and strategies. The LNRS will also identify and recommend actions that could be taken to achieve these priorities, and map where they could happen. This means identifying which natural spaces should be improved, which habitats and species would benefit, and where funding could be focused to provide the most benefit.

The Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership (the NEP) is leading the work to produce the LNRS for Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes. LNRSs like ours will be prepared across the country. Each will come together to form a nation-wide plan for nature's recovery – a roadmap of opportunity to help guide the locations for the best actions for nature recovery.



How can you get involved?

Following our stakeholder engagement workshops in the spring, and our survey which was live during the summer, we now plan to hold a short webinar on 25th September to update stakeholders on the work done to date and next steps.

This will be followed by a final face-to-face stakeholder engagement workshop in November, before we go out to public consultation.

If you wish to get involved in the webinar or workshop, email us to join our mailing list;
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