

From strategy to delivery

A shared framework for turning local priorities into visible action across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.

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What is the LNRS, and what is its purpose?

A statutory framework for prioritising and coordinating action, not a new designation or delivery body.

01 **PRIORITIES**
A shared direction for recovering habitats and species

02 **MAP**
Existing Nature Network and Opportunity Network

03 **ALIGNMENT**
A basis for coordinating decisions, resources and funding

GUIDES CHOICES • DOES NOT MANDATE CHANGE
It does not remove the need for local evidence, landowner input or site assessment.

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16 priorities • 51 habitat actions
29 priority species • 9 species assemblages



A shared direction for nature recovery

The strategy helps people align action, decisions and investment across the landscape.

A STRONG FOUNDATION

The strategy was built with local people

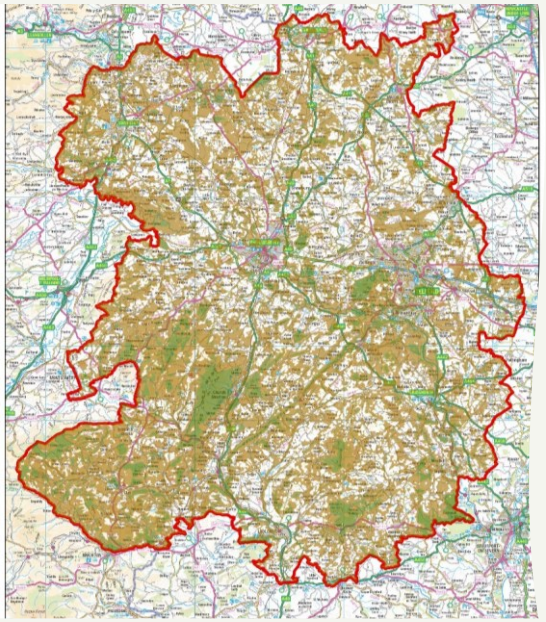
A credible platform for delivery, shaped by local knowledge and practical experience.

≈ 4,000

consultation comments received

The final strategy reflects strong engagement with community groups, landowners and partners.





COMMUNITIES

LANDOWNERS

PARTNERS

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Seven connected workstreams will turn the LNRS into practical action across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.

4 YEARS OF FUNDING

LNRS CO-ORDINATOR CONFIRMED UNTIL MAY 2030

1 Farmers & land managers

Pond creation programme
Support for farmer groups
Community tree scheme

2 Communities, T&PCs & residents

Annual SALC conferences
Community grants
Wildlife-friendly gardens
Community orchard & forest garden project

3 Policy, plans & decisions

LNRS Green Design Guide
Training for planners & developers
Local Plan policies

4 Strategic projects & investment

Feasibility studies & business cases
Habitat Network Partnership

5 Species Recovery Programme

Species Recovery Fund for LNRS priority species

6 Communications & engagement

Newsletter and webinars
Press coverage
Close partner working

7 Monitoring

Monitoring framework
First progress report by April 2027

DELIVERY PROGRAMME

partnership-led • rural and urban • practical action • learning and adaptation

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Embed LNRS in local plans, strategies and decisions

The opportunity is to make nature recovery part of how growth is planned, designed and funded.

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Shared spatial evidence base
Priorities and opportunity areas
Focus for partnership & funding

Corporate Plan
Local Plan
Transport Plan
Economic Growth Strategy
Climate Adaptation Strategy
Health & Wellbeing Strategy
etc....

Delivery on the ground

Healthy, attractive places
Connected habitats
Resilient landscapes
Investment directed where it adds most value
Outcomes benefitting Shropshire residents and businesses

Defra requires that the LNRS is embedded in decision making.

Green infrastructure is productive infrastructure

Well-designed nature supports services that matter to residents, businesses and the Council.



PUBLIC HEALTH	access to nature, shade, active travel and healthier neighbourhoods
CLIMATE RESILIENCE	cooler streets, water management and places better able to cope with extremes
PLACE QUALITY	more attractive, distinctive developments that people value
NATURE RECOVERY	connected habitats designed into everyday places

Key message: the LNRS should positively inform development, not operate as a separate environmental layer added at the end.

An LNRS Green Design Guide – exploratory phase

A practical bridge between policy ambition and consistent delivery through planning and development.

SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Plan nature, water, shade and access together from the outset.

Not another strategy.
A usable design tool.

FOR DEVELOPERS	What good looks like and what evidence is expected
FOR PLANNERS	Consistent prompts from pre-application to condition and monitoring
FOR COMMUNITIES	Greater confidence that growth will create healthy, resilient places
FOR DELIVERY TEAMS	Clearer standards for establishment, management and adoption

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Straightforward opportunities: make good practice routine

Small, repeatable measures can cumulatively transform the nature value and resilience of development.



- **Swift bricks as standard**
  Integrated into new buildings at design stage
- **Hedgehog gaps**
  Connect gardens rather than create isolated habitat
- **Biodiverse road-side verges**
  Linear meadow providing year-round food and shelter with manageable maintenance
- **Biodiverse SuDS**
  Drainage features that also create habitat and attractive space
- **Dark corridors**
  Lighting designed to protect movement routes for wildlife

Two practical barriers that need joint ownership

1. **Adoption**
   Street trees and SuDS need funded adoption, establishment and maintenance from the outset.

2. **Planning enforcement**
   Approved layouts and conditions need to be delivered consistently on the ground.

The issue

1. Unclear or unaffordable adoption arrangements can lead to good features being reduced, redesigned or left without long-term management.

2. Developments are not always built as approved, creating problems for residents and additional work for Council staff.

What needs further work

1. Agree a cross-service approach with clear standards, responsibilities and developer expectation

2. Build the business case for dedicated enforcement, identifying funding and potential cost savings.

The opportunity

1. Use a Green Design Guide to agree specification and management arrangements before layouts are fixed.

2. Dedicated enforcement could improve compliance, resident outcomes and Council efficiency

From local priorities to investible projects

The Marches Forward Partnership can help assemble a stronger cross-border pipeline and make the region easier to invest in.

1

LNRS evidence

clear priorities, places and outcomes

2

Project pipeline

feasibility, partners, costs and delivery routes

3

Blended investment

public funding, developer contributions and private finance

4

Measurable outcomes

nature, water, climate, health and local economic value

Suggested points for scrutiny

Four areas where scrutiny can strengthen delivery and help turn nature recovery ambition into practical outcomes.

1

Strengthen the strategic connection

Support a strong connection between the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the Local Plan.

2

Embed good design

Welcome development of the Green Design Guide as a practical tool for securing nature-positive development.

3

Address long-term delivery

Recognise adoption and enforcement as a cross-Council issue requiring shared ownership and early resolution.

4

Build an investible pipeline

Encourage a pipeline of nature-positive economic projects that can attract funding and investment.

Scrutiny can help align policy, design, long-term management and investment around a shared delivery approach.