Public consultation: Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy

A new plan for nature

The **Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy** has been developed to set out how we can all work together to tackle the biodiversity emergency and improve access to nature. It will be Greater Manchester's first statutory strategy for nature recovery and we will monitor progress against delivery over the next decade. In short, it sets out what we all need to do to help nature recover locally. How we can all work together towards a greener city-region, where nature is thriving and where we need to focus our efforts to have the biggest impact.

Why your views matter

GMCA are currently consulting on the draft Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This public consultation will be open from November 15th 2024 and will close on January 31st 2025. Everyone can play a part in shaping the Local Nature Recovery Strategy. Your voice matters, whether you are a resident, community group, local business owner or farmer. Your feedback will help us gain local knowledge and ensure that we can get the strategy right for Greater Manchester.

We want to hear what you think about the vision, aims, targets and maps set out in this draft strategy. Your feedback will then be used to shape the final strategy. As required by statutory guidance, all responses to this public consultation will be anonymised and published after this consultation closes. When answering questions and providing feedback on the strategy do not include information that would personally identify you. If you need assistance to complete the consultation, please email **naturerecovery@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk**.

Prepare to respond

You can prepare to respond to our public consultation by:

- Reading about the strategy and its role and remit on our GMCA website or on one of our leaflets and flyers

- Read the draft strategy online or by visiting your central library

- Exploring the draft nature network maps on our GMCA website or at one of our local drop-in sessions

Submitting your response to the public consultation

Once you have completed the public consultation questions over the next few pages, please either email a scanned copy of your response to **naturerecovery@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk** or post it directly to: **LNRS Public Consultation, GMCA, Tootal Buildings, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU.**

Consultation questions

Before we ask for your feedback on the strategy, our first questions are about you. We are collecting demographic information about our respondents to improve the way we consult with our communities. Collecting this information helps us to see if there are any gaps in who responds to our consultation, we want all of our consultations to be as representative of the citizens of Greater Manchester as possible. The majority of the questions in this section are voluntary. If you do not feel comfortable answering please select 'Prefer not to say'. Our privacy notice provides more details on how your data and responses will be secured.

SECTION 1. ABOUT YOU

Q1. Are you completing this consultation as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

☐ Individual

☐ Organisation

☐ Other (please specify in the box below)

Q2. If you are responding as an individual, which of the following best describes you?

☐ Private citizen

☐ An elected councillor or office holder

☐ Other (please specify in the box below)

Q3. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please select your organisation type below.

☐ Town or parish council

☐ Local Authority

☐ Registered charity

☐ Community group

☐ Private business

☐ Farmer, land owner or land manager

☐ Public service organisation

☐ Special interest group (please specify in the box below)

☐ Developer

☐ Other (please specify in the box below)

Q4. Which area of Greater Manchester do you live or work in? Please tick all that apply:

☐ Bolton

☐ Bury

☐ Manchester

☐ Oldham

☐ Rochdale

☐ Salford

☐ Stockport

☐ Tameside

☐ Trafford

☐ Wigan

☐ GM-wide

Q5. How old are you?

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Q6. How do you describe your gender?

☐ A man (including trans man)

☐ A woman (including trans woman)

☐ Non-binary

☐ In another way

☐ Prefer not to say

Q7. What is your ethnic group?

☐ Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi

☐ Asian or Asian British - Chinese

☐ Asian or Asian British - Indian

☐ Asian or Asian British - Pakistani

☐ Asian or Asian British - Any other Asian background

☐ Black or Black British - African

☐ Black or Black British - Caribbean

☐ Black or Black British - Any other Black background

☐ Mixed - White and Asian

☐ Mixed - White and Black African

☐ Mixed - White and Black Caribbean

☐ Mixed - Any other mixed background

☐ White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British

☐ White - Eastern European

☐ White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller

☐ White - Irish

☐ White - Any other White Background

☐ Other ethnic group - Arab

☐ Other ethnic group - Other

☐ Prefer not to say

Q8. Do you consider yourself to have a disability? (please tick all that apply)

☐ No

☐ Yes - learning disability

☐ Yes - mental ill health

☐ Yes - mobility disability

☐ Yes - sensory disability

☐ Yes - other disability

☐ Prefer not to say

Q9. Please provide your name or the name of your organisation

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Q10. **Please provide an email address. If you don't have an email address and want to get in touch please visit your central library who will be able to help you.**

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GMCA is required to anonymise and publish all responses to this consultation under the statutory guidance and regulations for Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

☐   I understand that my response to this consultation will be anonymised and published, along with all other responses to this consultation.

The Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy team at **Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) would only contact you regarding any follow up needed from your response to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy public consultation**. If you would like to sign up to updates about the strategy and the wider work of the Greater Manchester Green City Region Team please subscribe on our GM Green City region website. You can read our privacy statement at the end of this document.

This section of the consultation asks your views on the overarching vision, aims and targets for the Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy. The vision for the strategy sets out what Greater Manchester could look like when the strategy is delivered. The aims for the strategy set out the high-level ambitions required to achieve that vision across the city-region. Accompanying the aims we set out six headline targets for nature recovery for the city-region.

Vision

Our collective vision for nature recovery in Greater Manchester is to **work together to deliver a resilient network for nature across the city-region, connecting and enhancing wild spaces so that people and nature can thrive.**

Aims

To deliver on this vision we need Greater Manchester to be a place where we all:

- Safeguarding, enhancing and restoring wildlife-rich spaces
- Creating more wildlife-rich resilient spaces, where they will expand and connect spaces for wildlife and people
- Managing and reducing pressures on our environment and waterways, and maximising nature's role in adapting the city-region to climate change
- Working together to take action for nature and embed space for nature and people to thrive across all our communities
- Improving local access to nature and ensure there are more opportunities to enjoy nature, in those areas which need it the most
- Improving engagement with nature and better understanding its value in our lives

Q11. Which of the aims do you consider the most urgent? Please select only one option below.

☐ Safeguarding, enhancing and restoring wildlife-rich spaces

☐ Creating more wildlife-rich resilient spaces, where they will expand and connect spaces for wildlife and people

☐ Managing and reducing pressures on our environment and waterways, and maximising nature's role in adapting the city-region to climate change

☐ Working together to take action for nature and embed space for nature and people to thrive across all our communities

☐ Improving local access to nature and ensure there are more opportunities to enjoy nature, in those areas which need it the most

☐ Improving engagement with nature and better understanding its value in our lives

Q12. Are they the right aims for Greater Manchester? Please select only one option below.

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

If you disagree or strongly disagree, what would you change and why?

Q13. Are the vision and aims for the strategy clear and easy to understand? Please select only one option below.

☐ Very clear

☐ Somewhat clear

☐ Neither clear nor unclear

☐ Unclear

☐ Very unclear

Targets

To track progress towards our vision and aims, we have worked with partners to select six headline targets for the city-region. These targets will be monitored regularly and used to drive forward nature recovery. This section of the consultation asks for your views on the proposed headline targets for the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

- Increase the amount of land designated for nature from 11% to 15% of the city-region
- Bring 50% of our Local Wildlife Sites into active management for nature conservation
- Work towards the restoration and creation of 1,800ha of wildlife-rich land
- Increase our tree canopy cover from 16.5% to 18.5%
- Target the delivery of new wildlife-rich land and tree planting within the Nature Network
- Increase the number of residents living within 15mins of a decent green space

Q14. Which of the targets do you consider the most urgent? Please select only one option below

☐ Increase the amount of land designated for nature from 11% to 15% of the city-region by 2035

☐ Bring 50% of our Local Wildlife Sites into active management for nature conservation by 2035

☐ Work towards the restoration and creation of 1,800 hectares of wildlife-rich land by 2035

☐ Expand our tree canopy cover from 16.5% to 18.5% by 2035

☐ Target the delivery of new wildlife-rich land and tree planting within the Nature Network

☐ Increase the number of residents living within 15mins of a decent green space

☐ Don't know

Q15. Are these the right headline targets for Greater Manchester?

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

If you disagree or strongly disagree, please let us know what you would change and why?

Please bear in mind that we need to set targets that we can measure within the data, resources and capacity available to the GMCA.

Q16. We are interested in improving our target for access to green space – which of the following do you prefer?

☐ A target related to increasing the area of green space within a local area or local authority

☐ A target related to improving access green space within a certain distance (e.g. 5 minutes of walking or wheeling) of where people live or work

☐ A target related to no net loss of green space within a local area or local authority

SECTION 3. PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

Priorities are the long-term end results that we all need to work towards for habitats and species. Linked to each priority are a series of practical actions that would help delivery. These include actions around habitat creation, habitat enhancement or species conservation.

Habitat priorities

Our habitat priorities are divided into six broad habitat types.

* Woodland, trees, scrub and hedgerows
* Grassland, farmland and lowland heath
* Rivers, canals and waterbodies
* Urban green spaces and buildings
* Lowland mosslands and wetlands
* Upland moorlands

Species priorities

Working to enhance, create and connect these different types of habitats across Greater Manchester will be of huge benefit to many species. Some species and groups of species are particularly at risk locally, needing bespoke action beyond wider habitat priorities. To identify priority species for this strategy, we have focused on those local species particularly at risk that need targeted action beyond our habitat priorities.

We will now ask you a series of questions about the priorities set out for each habitat type and species.

Woodlands trees, scrub and hedgerows

Priorities for woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerows include:

- More existing woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow are safeguarded, restored and resilient
- Bigger and better-connected woodlands, trees and scrub, integrated with patchworks of other habitats
- New urban street trees, urban community orchards and woodlands, improving access to nature and climate adaptation
- More native hedgerows created and maintained, linking together spaces for wildlife
- More varied trees, scrub, parkland and woodland habitats incorporated into our farmlands and more productive woodlands delivering nature recovery

If you do not want to answer questions on this habitat type, please simply move on to the next habitat type.

Q17. Are these the right priorities for woodlands, trees, hedgerows and scrub habitat in Greater Manchester?

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

If you disagree or strongly disagree, what do you think is missing and why?

Q18. Which of these priorities do you think is the most urgent? Please select only one option.

☐ More existing woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow are safeguarded, restored and resilient

☐ Bigger and better-connected woodlands, trees and scrub, integrated with patchworks of other habitats

☐ New urban street trees, urban community orchards and woodlands, improving access to nature and climate adaptation

☐ More native hedgerows created and maintained, linking together spaces for wildlife

☐ More varied trees, scrub, parkland and woodland habitats incorporated into our farmlands and more productive woodlands delivering nature recovery

☐ Don't know

Grassland, farmland and lowland heath

Priorities for grasslands, farmlands and lowland heath habitats include:

- Species-rich and semi-natural grasslands and lowland heath are safeguarded, well-managed and restored
- More species-rich grasslands and lowland heath created, particularly where they will connect existing habitats
- More urban meadows, with native wildflower species and longer grasses
- More dedicated spaces for wildlife integrated into farmland and buildings, alongside food production
- More biodiverse farmland, with healthier soils, better water management and fewer intensively managed areas

Q19. Are these the right priorities for grasslands, farmland and lowland heath habitats in Greater Manchester?

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

If you disagree or strongly disagree, what do you think is missing and why?

Q20. Which of these priorities do you think is the most urgent? Please select only one option.

☐ Species-rich and semi-natural grasslands and lowland heath are safeguarded, well-managed and restored

☐ More species-rich grasslands and lowland heath created, particularly where they will connect existing habitats

☐ More urban meadows, with native wildflower species and longer grasses

☐ More dedicated spaces for wildlife integrated into farmland and buildings, alongside food production

☐ More biodiverse farmland, with healthier soils, better water management and fewer intensively managed areas

☐ Don't know

Rivers, canals and waterbodies

Priorities for rivers, canals and other waterbodies include:

- More accessible and visible rivers, canals and waterbodies, with fewer barriers to species movement
- Cleaner, more natural and resilient rivers and waterbodies, that are well protected, maintained and biodiverse
- Increased habitat connectivity along our river corridors, canals and waterbodies
- More space for water and natural flood management in our communities and across catchments
- Cleaner canals, restored for nature and people

Q21. Are these the right priorities for rivers, canals and waterbodies in Greater Manchester? Please select only one option

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

If you disagree or strongly disagree, what do you think is missing and why?

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Q22. Which of these priorities do you think is the most urgent? Please select only one option

☐ More accessible and visible rivers, canals and waterbodies, with fewer barriers to species movement

☐ Cleaner, more natural and resilient rivers and waterbodies, that are well protected, maintained and biodiverse

☐ Increased habitat connectivity along our river corridors, canals and waterbodies

☐ More space for water and natural flood management in our communities and across catchments

☐ Cleaner canals, restored for nature and people

☐ Don't know

Urban green space and buildings

Priorities for urban green space and buildings include:

- More schools, hospitals, public, commercial and community buildings have nature-rich accessible spaces, better for wildlife and people
- Better parks and open spaces, enhanced and managed to be nature-rich and climate-adapted, with a range of habitats for wildlife supported by local communities
- More streets, roads, pedestrian and cycle routes are greener and tree-lined, acting as corridors for nature and adapted to climate change

- Town and city regeneration and development driving new and enhanced nature-rich green space creation, building more biodiverse, accessible and climate-adapted places
- More nature-friendly and climate-adapted gardens, balconies, yards and driveways
- More community-led creation of new nature-rich green spaces and increased opportunities for local food growing

Q23. Are these the right priorities for urban green spaces and buildings in Greater Manchester? Please select only one option

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

If you disagree or strongly disagree, what do you think is missing and why

Q24. Which of these priorities do you think is the most urgent? Please select only one option

☐ More schools, hospitals, public, commercial and community buildings have nature-rich accessible spaces, better for wildlife and people

☐ Better parks and open spaces, enhanced and managed to be nature-rich and climate-adapted, with a range of habitats for wildlife supported by local communities

☐ More streets, roads, pedestrian and cycle routes are greener and tree-lined, acting as corridors for nature and adapted to climate change

☐ Town and city regeneration and development driving new and enhanced nature-rich green space creation, building more biodiverse, accessible and climate-adapted places

☐ More nature-friendly and climate-adapted gardens, balconies, yards and driveways

☐ More community-led creation of new nature-rich green spaces and increased opportunities for local food growing

☐ Don't know

Lowland wetlands and mosslands

Priorities for lowland wetlands and mosslands include:

- More lowland bogs, fens and other wetland habitats are restored and better managed for nature, able to store more water and emit less carbon
- Bigger mosslands and wetlands, with more habitat corridors and stepping stones reconnecting and expanding remaining habitats

- More of our historic wetlands and restorable peat are wet
- Reconnect local communities to mosslands and wetlands, and their heritage
- Better quality and better-connected ponds

Q25. Are these the right priorities for lowland wetlands and mossland habitats in Greater Manchester? Please select only one option

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

If you disagree or strongly disagree, what do you think is missing and why

Q26. Which of these priorities do you think is the most urgent? Please select only one option

☐ More lowland bogs, fens and other wetland habitats are restored and better managed for nature, able to store more water and emit less carbon

☐ Bigger mosslands and wetlands, with more habitat corridors and stepping stones reconnecting and expanding remaining habitats

☐ More of our historic wetlands and restorable peat are wet

☐ Reconnect local communities to mosslands and wetlands, and their heritage

☐ Better quality and better-connected ponds

☐ Don't know

Upland moorlands

Priorities for upland moorlands include:

- Restore and rewet bare upland peat to active blanket bog and wet heath, to retain more carbon and hold more rainwater
- More varied and well-functioning upland habitats, with patchworks of restored bog, heath, trees, springs and flushes, reducing flood and wildfire risk
- More of our upland flushes are thriving, rich with sphagnum moss, rushes and sedges, supporting a diverse range of species
- More trees, small woods and scrub are naturally regenerating, across our uplands, helping slow and store water
- More upland communities, land managers and landowners are rewarded for helping nature recover

Q27. Are these the right priorities for upland moorland habitats in Greater Manchester? Please select only one option

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

If you disagree or strongly disagree, what do you think is missing and why?

Q28. Which of these priorities do you think is the most urgent? Please select only one option

☐ Restore and rewet bare upland peat to active blanket bog and wet heath, to retain more carbon and hold more rainwater

☐ More varied and well-functioning upland habitats, with patchworks of restored bog, heath, trees, springs and flushes, reducing flood and wildfire risk

☐ More of our upland flushes are thriving, rich with sphagnum moss, rushes and sedges, supporting a diverse range of species

☐ More trees, small woods and scrub are naturally regenerating, across our uplands, helping slow and store water

☐ More upland communities, land managers and landowners are rewarded for helping nature recover

☐ Don't know

Species priorities

This section of the consultation asks your views on priorities for species and groups of species selected for the strategy. Some species and groups of species are particularly at risk locally, needing bespoke action beyond wider habitat priorities set out in this strategy. Focused attention can help these species bounce back and avoid local species loss. To identify priority species for this strategy, we have been guided by a national process, set out by Natural England, and working with local species experts, a long list of over 400 threatened species was identified. From this list, 16 priority species and species groups have been selected for action in this first iteration of the LNRS. The following factors were considered in the selection of these species:

- **Conservation status**: Particularly threatened, vulnerable or endangered species
- **Bespoke requirements**: Specific action required to aid these species recovery beyond the habitat priorities
- **Urgency**: Urgent action needed to stabilise species loss
- **Deliverability**: Feasibility of actions that could be delivered to aid recovery

- **National significance**: National significance of the population in Greater Manchester
- **Wider benefits**: Benefits for other species and wider ecosystem services, such as flood risk reduction or carbon sequestration
- **Climate change**: Vulnerability to current and future climate change
- **Local significance**: Species that are locally significant in Greater Manchester

There are of course many vulnerable species beyond those that we have been able to prioritise within this strategy.

Priority species and species groups

Species and groups of species for prioritised local nature recovery are stated below. Where several species requiring similar actions have been identified then they have been collected into a group.

Individual priority species

- Mountain hare
- Water vole
- Willow tit
- Black-necked grebe
- Hedgehog
- European hornet
- Black poplar
- Slow worm

Priority species groups

- Upland bees, butterflies and moths (*such as Bilberry bumblebee, Tormentil mining bee, Manchester treble-bar moth)*
- Urban birds (*such as Swift, House martin, Black redstart)*
- Farmland birds: (*such as Tree sparrow and Corn bunting)*
- Grassland fungi: (*such as Pink waxcap, Jubilee waxcap)*
- Migratory fish: (*such as Atlantic salmon, European eel)*
- Grassland ground-nesting birds (*such as Curlew and Lapwing)*
- Brownfield insects (*such as Dingy skipper and Common blue)*
- Mossland insects: *(such as Large Heath)*

Please see the full text of the strategy for a full list of all the species covered in each identified species group.

Q29. Are these the right species and species groups for Greater Manchester? Please select only one option

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

If you disagree or strongly disagree, what do you think is missing and why?

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Overall feedback and actions

Q30. Now you have read through all the priorities for the strategy, to what extent do you think the priorities in the strategy are clear and easy to understand? Please select only one option below.

☐ Very clear

☐ Somewhat clear

☐ Neither clear nor unclear

☐ Unclear

☐ Very unclear

Q31. Which of the priorities could you possibly help take action towards and how?

☐ Woodlands, trees, scrub and hedgerow

☐ Grasslands, farmlands and lowland heath

☐ Rivers, canals and waterbodies

☐ Urban green spaces and buildings

☐ Lowland wetland and mosslands

☐ Upland moorlands

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To help drive nature recovery, we need to set out the best places to act for nature across Greater Manchester. A key purpose of this Local Nature Recovery Strategy is to identify locations to create or improve habitats, alongside other land uses, where it is most likely to provide the greatest benefit. This is to enable everyone's efforts and resources to be targeted and to encourage collaboration. In the strategy we set out a long-term spatial vision for nature's recovery - a new Nature Network for Greater Manchester. The Nature Network shows the best areas to boost ecological connectivity across the city-region – where action for nature could have the biggest impact.

This network consists of:

- **Core Local Nature Sites** - These are our best remaining wildlife sites across the city-region Areas that are already important for nature such as Local Wildlife Sites, Special Areas of Conservation, Local Nature Reserves and irreplaceable habitats.
- **Nature Recovery Opportunity Areas** - These are areas where action to enhance, restore or create different types of habitats (i.e. woodlands, grasslands, moorlands, waterbodies and wetlands) would expand and better connect our Core Local Nature Sites.

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy is not able to provide any additional designations or protection to land beyond those protections already given to sites which fall within the Core Local Nature Sites.

Nature Network

You can see a map of the Greater Manchester Nature Network below.

Our Nature Network identifies some of the best places across the city-region with potential to better join up our Core Local Nature Sites based on the Lawton Principles.

The Greater Manchester Nature Network is based on established evidence and thinking on nature recovery in the UK, in particular the **Lawton principles of "bigger, better, more and joined"**. This involves recognising our best remaining wildlife sites as the building blocks for our Nature Network and taking action to:

- Improve their quality by better habitat management.
- Increase their size.
- Enhance the connections between them – through corridors or stepping stones.
- Create new sites altogether.

Q32. Do you support the use of the Lawton Principles (as set out above) to identify opportunity areas for nature recovery? Please select only one option.
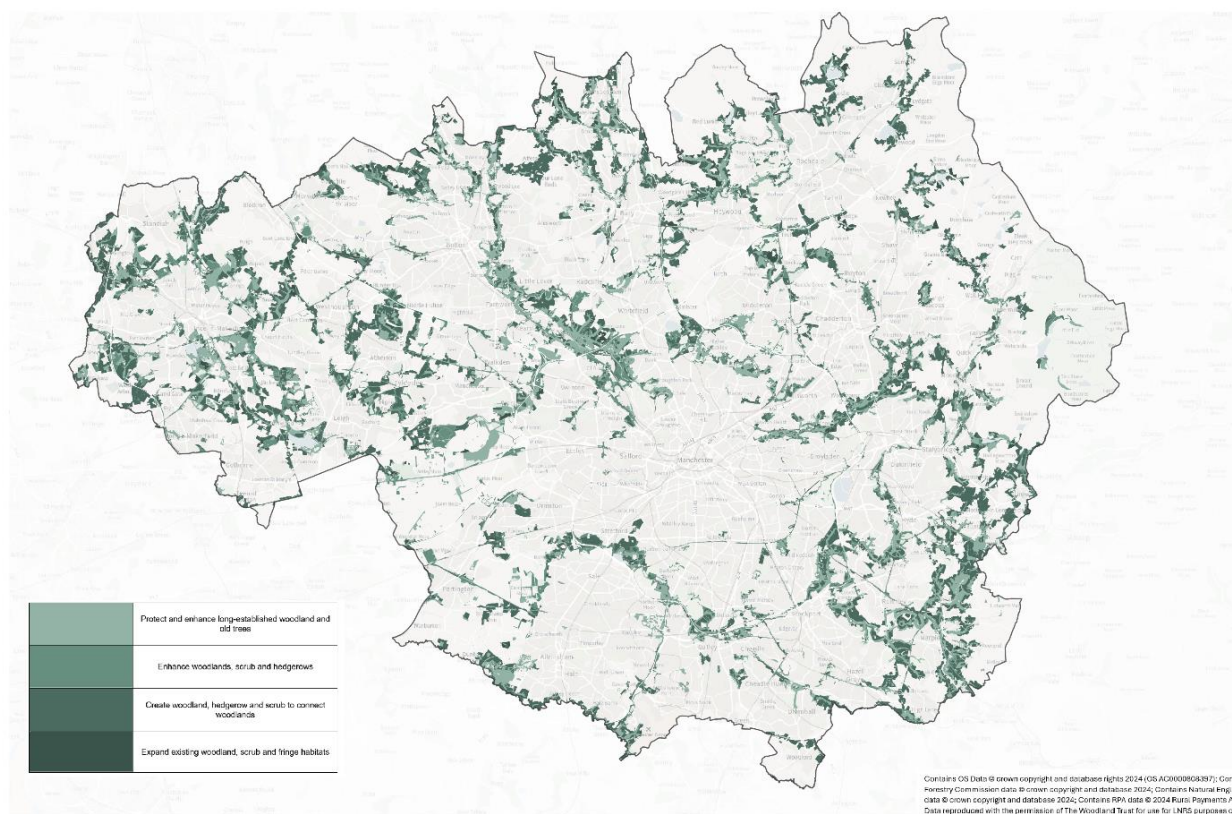
☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

If you disagree or strongly disagree, please tell us what you think is missing from the Lawton principles?

The next section of the consultation asks you questions on the Nature Recovery Opportunity Areas in the Nature Network. The Nature Recovery Opportunity Areas consist of suggested actions for different habitats e.g. woodland enhancement or wildflower rich grassland creation. To help gather your feedback we have provided individual maps for each broad habitat type covered in the Nature Recovery Opportunity Areas. Please look at the maps and then provide any feedback or insights below.

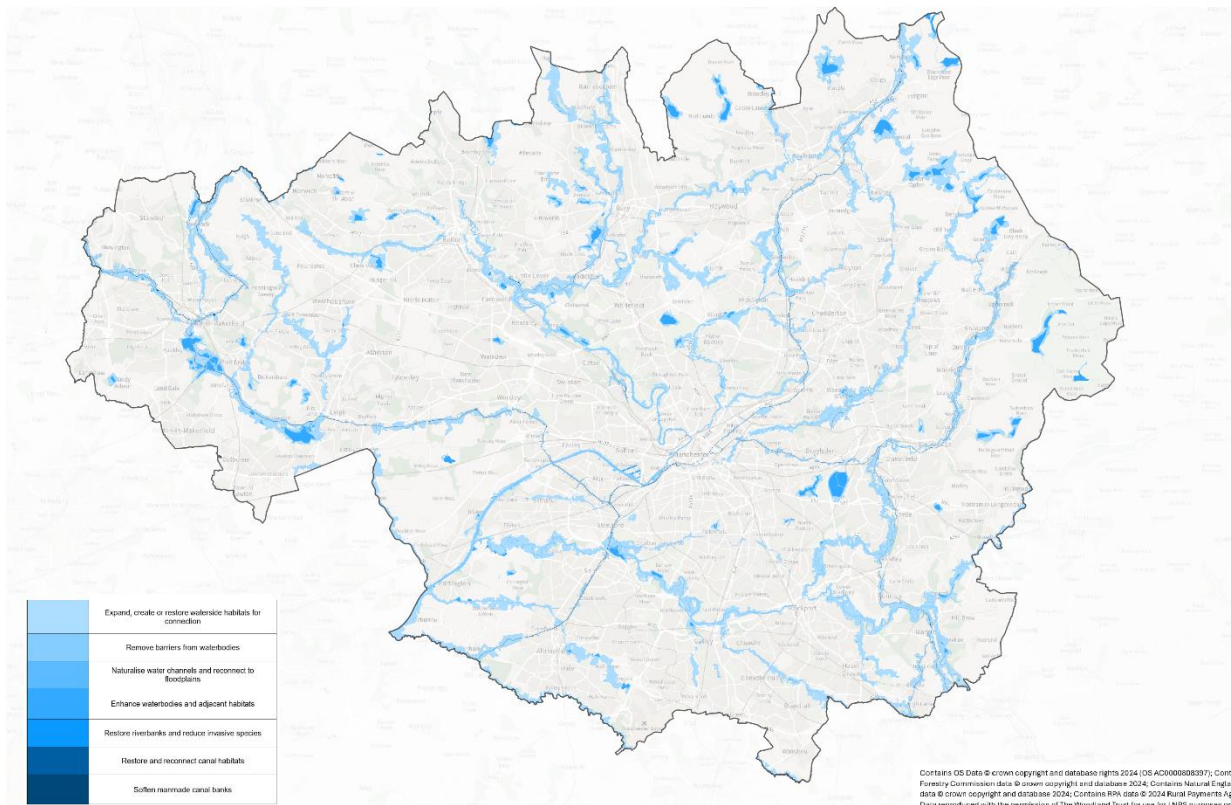## Woodland, trees, scrub and hedgerow opportunity areas

You can see the nature recovery opportunity areas for woodland, trees, scrub and hedgerow habitats in the image below. The areas included have been selected based on the locations with the best potential to improve woodland connectivity between our Core Local Nature Sites.

Q33. Do you have any feedback or insights regarding the opportunity areas for woodland, trees, scrub and hedgerow habitats?

River, canal and waterbody opportunity areas

You can see the nature recovery opportunity areas for river, canal and waterbody habitats shown in the image below. The areas included have been selected based on the locations with the best potential to improve river, canal and waterbody habitat connectivity between our Core Local Nature Sites

Q34. Do you have any feedback or insights regarding the opportunity maps for river, canal and waterbody habitats?
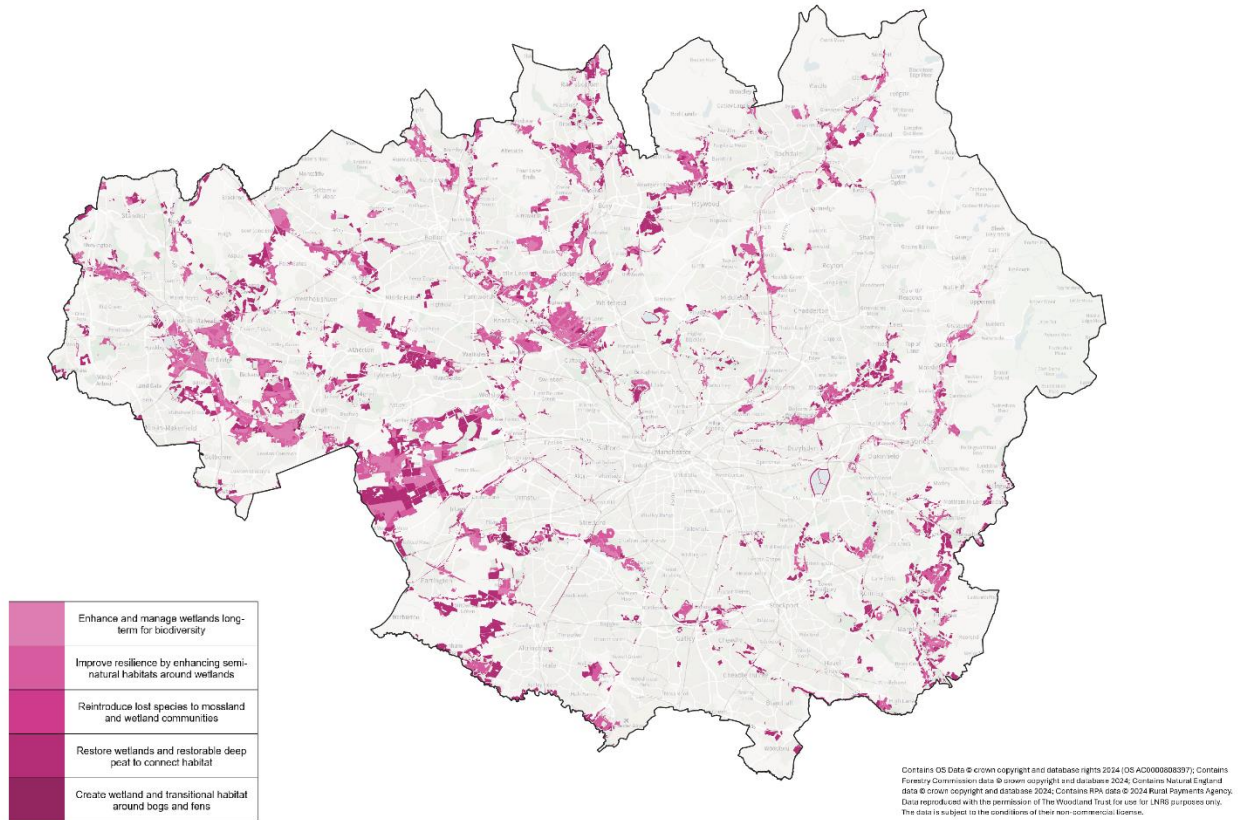
Upland moorland opportunity areas

You can see the nature recovery opportunity areas for upland moorland habitats shown in the image below. The areas included have been selected based on the locations with the best potential to improve upland moorland habitat connectivity between our Core Local Nature Sites.

Q35. Do you have any feedback or insights regarding the opportunity maps for upland moorland habitats?

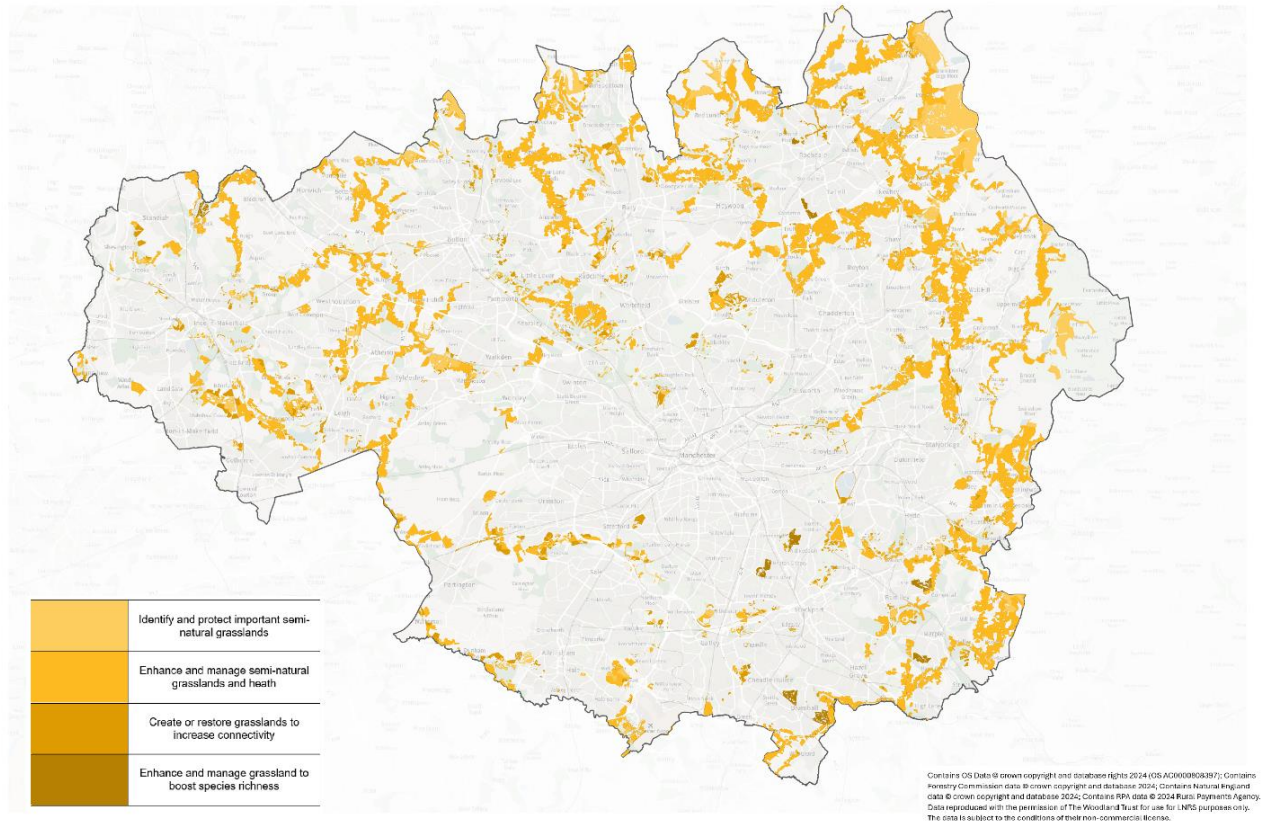**Lowland wetland and mossland opportunity areas**

You can see the nature recovery opportunity areas for lowland wetland and mossland habitats shown in the image below. The areas included have been selected based on the locations with the best potential to improve lowland wetland and mossland habitat connectivity between our Core Local Nature Sites.

	Enhance and manage wetlands long-term for biodiversity
	Improve resilience by enhancing semi-natural habitats around wetlands
	Reintroduce lost species to mossland and wetland communities
	Restore wetlands and restorable deep peat to connect habitat
	Create wetland and transitional habitat around bogs and fens

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Q36. Do you have any feedback or insights regarding the opportunity maps for lowland wetland and mossland habitats?

Grassland, farmland and lowland heath opportunity areas

You can see the nature recovery opportunity areas for grassland, farmland and lowland heath habitats shown in the image below. The areas included have been selected based on the locations with the best potential to improve grassland habitat connectivity between our Core Local Nature Sites.

Q37. Do you have any feedback or insights regarding the opportunity maps for grassland, farmland and lowland heath habitats?

Urban green spaces

Q38. We are exploring how we could improve our mapping of actions for urban areas, which of the following areas would you prioritise?

☐ Areas with low green space and low income

☐ Areas with low green space and poor air quality

☐ Areas with low green space and poor health and wellbeing

☐ Areas with low green space and high flood risk

☐ Don't know

End of questions

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation. We will use your response, along with the others we receive, to shape our draft strategy. All responses will be reviewed by authorised members of staff to help inform changes to the draft. Our core data protection obligations and commitments are set out on the Greater Manchester Combined Authority's (GMCA) privacy policy and data protection webpage.

As required by statutory guidance, all responses to this public consultation will be anonymised and published after this consultation closes. You can read a full run-through of how the data will be used and processed in our privacy statement.

If you would like to keep up to date on progress as our Local Nature Recovery Strategy is developed please subscribe to our Green City newsletter. You can also visit our LNRS website for all the latest updates, including listings for any workshops or other events.

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1. Who we are

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) is made up of the ten Greater Manchester councils, the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, and the Mayor of Greater Manchester. We work with other local services, businesses, communities and other partners to improve the city-region.

2. Summary of the use of the Database

Greater Manchester Combined Authority is required under the Environment Act (2021) to develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Greater Manchester. Everyone can play a part in shaping the strategy, so that we can get it right for Greater Manchester. All voices matter, whether a resident, community group, local business owner or farmer. This feedback will help us gain local knowledge and ensure that this is a shared strategy, representative of a diverse range of views.

We want to hear what the public think about the vision, aims, targets and maps set out in this strategy. The responses will then be used to shape the final version of the strategy.

Data is being collected from respondents who have opted to complete the Greater Manchester Nature Recovery Public Consultation. The survey is being hosted on the GM Consult website (Citizen Space).

The results will be analysed by GMCA, and the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit (part of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council) (GMEU), and used to inform the final version of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

Survey responses will be collected via an automated report through the Citizen Space tool. This will be in a single database with limited access. Information and responses will be used to inform the preparation of the Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

3. What information we will collect from you (the purpose and legal basis for processing information)

To enable us to identify responses and amend or delete them as can be required under a person's data rights within the GDPR, the following personal data will be collected:

- Name
- Email address

We may also collect information relating to gender and age range.

To help us ensure that a wide variety of the public are represented, the following special category data will be collected:

- Racial or ethnic origin
- Health

This basis we are relying upon is the following:

- Public task - The processing is necessary for you to perform a task in the public interest or for your official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law. Article 6 - 1(e)
- Substantial public interest - Must still be proportionate to the aim the project is pursuing, respect the spirit of the right to data protection. But also, must provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and the interests of the individuals involved. Article 9 - 2(g)

4. How we ensure the security of your data

The collected data will be stored in a secure server in a shared drive on the GMCA premises with limited access to members of the GMCA Environment Team and the GMCA Engagement Team. Greater Manchester Ecology Unit (GMEU) will receive an anonymised version of the data to assist with data analysis. No other third parties will receive the data for processing.

This survey is hosted on software called Citizen Space, which is provided by Delib. The security measures, firewall, access control and administration privileges for the Delib service have been reviewed and accepted by the GMCA. We also have a contract in place with Delib, which states the services they must provide.

5. Information retention

The GMCA will keep your information until the end of 2025 (in line with the timescales for the preparation of the strategy).

6. Transferring data

All data collected as part of this project will remain in UK.

7. Data sharing

The information collected as part of this survey will only be used for the purposes explained above. However, the regulations pertaining to Local Nature Recovery Strategy require us to publish all responses to our public consultation, GMCA will anonymise all responses and remove special category data before publication.

8.   What rights do individuals have?

The GMCA must comply with the United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Under data protection law, your rights include:

- Your right of access - You have the right to ask us for copies of your personal information.

- Your right to rectification - You have the right to ask us to rectify information you think is inaccurate. You also have the right to ask us to complete information you think is incomplete.

- Your right to erasure - You have the right to ask us to erase your personal information in certain circumstances.

- Your right to restriction of processing - You have the right to ask us to restrict the processing of your information in certain circumstances.

- Your right to object to processing - You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data in certain circumstances.

- Your right to data portability - You have the right to ask that we transfer the information you gave us to another organisation, or to you, in certain circumstances.

You are not required to pay any charge for exercising your rights. If you make a request, we have one month to respond to you.

If you wish to make a request, please contact us at:

Email: officeofdpo@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

Post: Office of the DPO GMCA, Churchgate House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 6EU

9.   How can I make a complaint?

If you are not satisfied with how the GMCA is using the information we hold about you please contact our Data Protection Officer by emailing officeofdpo@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk.

If you are still not satisfied with the GMCA's response to any request to exercise your individual rights or if you believe that the GMCA is not processing your personal data in accordance with the law, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office:

Post: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113