

## **Public consultation: Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy**

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### **Farmer, Landowner and Land Manager Questions**

#### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 and will close on January 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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-](mailto:naturerecovery@greatermanchester-)

[ca.gov.uk](https://www.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'.

### 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.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town or parish council             | <input type="checkbox"/> Public service organisation                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Authority                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Special interest group (please specify in the box below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered charity                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Developer  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community group                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify in the box below)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private business                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmer, land owner or land manager |   |

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

- |                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bolton     | <input type="checkbox"/> Oldham   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bury       | <input type="checkbox"/> Rochdale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manchester | <input type="checkbox"/> Salford  |

- ☐ Stockport
- ☐ Tameside
- ☐ Trafford

- ☐ Wigan
- ☐ GM-wide

**Q5. How old are you?**

**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?**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi                | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - White and Black Caribbean                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Chinese                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - Any other mixed background                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Indian                     | <input type="checkbox"/> White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Pakistani                  | <input type="checkbox"/> White - Eastern European                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British - Any other Asian background | <input type="checkbox"/> White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British - African                    | <input type="checkbox"/> White - Irish   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British - Caribbean                  | <input type="checkbox"/> White - Any other White Background                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British - Any other Black background | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group - Arab                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - White and Asian                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group - Other                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - White and Black African                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say                                     |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - sensory disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - learning disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - other disability   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - mental ill health   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - mobility disability |   |

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

**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.**

**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.

## **SECTION 2. QUESTIONS FOR FARMERS, LANDOWNERS AND LAND MANAGERS**

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If you are a farmer, landowner or land manager this section of the consultation is designed for you.

Those who own and/or manage land in Greater Manchester can make an important contribution to implementing this strategy. This strategy is intended as a resource to help plan possible actions for nature on your land or estate. You might already be taking action for nature or are planning to in the future, in this case this strategy can help you show how your actions contribute to wider efforts to help local species.

Farmers, landowners and land managers can use the strategy to:

- Understand how their land fits within the Nature Network
- Inform the actions they could carry out on their land
- Inform and support applications for funding and delivery of projects

For landowners, land managers and farmers it is important to note that the opportunity areas mapped within the Nature Network are not binding for the landowner or land manager. It does not require the owners and managers of the land identified to make any changes.

The Nature Network is also not a barrier to development. The Nature Network highlights those areas where we could be more ambitious for nature and take steps to connect spaces for nature to deliver resilience for our wildlife. Development within these areas (or where it could have an impact on these areas) should seek to support and deliver on the priorities set out for these areas and help to work towards the wider ambitions of the Nature Network.

You can read our FAQs for farmers, landowners and land managers on our GMCA website. Please also still take the time to complete the other sections of the consultation.

**Q11. Do you own, manage or rent land in Greater Manchester?**

- ☐ Own
- ☐ Manage
- ☐ Rent

**Q12. What do you currently use your land for?** Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Livestock farming
- ☐ Arable farming
- ☐ Horticultural production
- ☐ Horse paddocks
- ☐ Other

**If you answered 'other' please let us know what you use your land for below**

**Q13. What sort of land do you have?**

- ☐ Lowland grassland
- ☐ Lowland arable
- ☐ Woodland
- ☐ Upland grassland
- ☐ Upland moorland
- ☐ Bogs and peatland

**Q14. Are you already involved in an environmental scheme, project or other environmental activities?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

If you stated yes above, please let us know what environmental scheme, activity or project you are involved in the box below.

**Q15. Which actions would you consider undertaking on your land to help local species?** Please select all that apply from the list below.

- ☐ Install homes for birds and bats on and around buildings

- ☐ Set aside dedicated patches of unmanaged or uncropped areas, along field boundaries, field margins, corners or less productive areas
- ☐ Create and maintain forage areas and homes for species on farmland, alongside food production
- ☐ Grow and maintain multi-species cover crops and cut later in the year
- ☐ Manage grassland and cropland at lower intensity (e.g. lower grazing intensity) and with low inputs
- ☐ Reduce soil erosion, minimise bare ground and encourage soil recovery
- ☐ Switch to diversified plant species for grazing livestock, establish and maintain herbal lays or species-rich hay meadows
- ☐ Improve water quality and pollution management on farmland/yards and control livestock access to waterbodies
- ☐ Enhance existing woodlands, hedgerows and mature trees to maximise benefits to biodiversity
- ☐ Plant more woodlands, trees and hedgerows
- ☐ Enhance rivers, streams or brooks and waterside habitats or banks
- ☐ Remove barriers for wildlife from waterbodies
- ☐ Enhance or create more wet areas, flushes and ponds
- ☐ Enhance or create more areas of species-rich grasslands
- ☐ Stabilise, rewet, restore deep bare peat

**Q16. Are there other activities that are missing from this list that you think could help local species?**

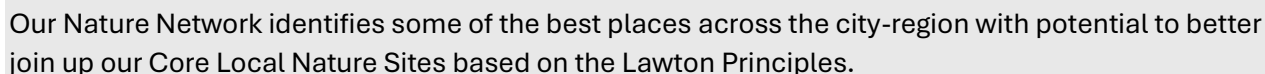
## NATURE NETWORK

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:

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

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



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.

It is important to note that the Local Nature Recovery Strategy does not place any additional designations or protection on land, beyond those protections already given to sites which fall within the Core Local Nature Sites. The Nature Network is not a barrier to development. Development within

the Nature Network should seek to support and deliver on the priorities set out for these areas and help to work towards the wider ambitions of the Nature Network. You can explore the Nature Network on the map below and also using this link.

**Q17. Does the land you own or manage overlap with the Nature Network?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Partially

If you are concerned about your land featuring in our nature network please contact [naturerecovery@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk](mailto:naturerecovery@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk).

**Q18. What do you think the main barriers are to managing land to deliver nature recovery alongside your current land use?**

**Q19. Would you like to be contacted for opportunities to get involved in environmental projects or in relation to grants or funding opportunities?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you stated yes above, please provide your email or contact details in the box below

**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 GMCA LNRS website for all the latest updates, including listings for any workshops or other events.

## Privacy Notice

<b>Data controller:</b>	GMCA
<b>ICO registration reference:</b>	Z2751067
<b>Customer enquiries contact details:</b>	<a href="mailto:naturerecovery@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk">naturerecovery@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk</a>
<b>Data Protection Officer:</b>	John Lawrence Curtis – Assistant Director Information and Data Governance <a href="mailto:OfficeofDPO@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk">OfficeofDPO@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk</a>

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](tel:03031231113)