

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

Consultations Plan

1. Introduction

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) is a key component of the Environment Act 2021 and the aim is to set priorities for nature recovery in the country. These spatial strategies will be developed by a 'Responsible Authority' (RA) as set out by DEFRA. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) is the RA for the county. The CPCA has contracted the responsibility to Cambridgeshire County Council to develop the LNRS. This is in collaboration with Natural Cambridgeshire (Local Nature Partnership) as a key partner.

Cambridgeshire County Council (contracted on behalf of RA) will lead the public consultation, with a steer from the LNRS Steering Group and assistance from the Policy & Insight teams at the council. The LNRS Consultation Plan sets out the process to support the development of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LNRS.

- How will we consult,
- What are we consulting on,
- Required documents,
- Post consultation.

2. Timelines

The following timelines set out the pre-consultation approval process to required prior to commencing the Public Consultation of the draft LNRS. As stated below, the public consultation will commence on 11 October 2024, running for an eight-week period, to finish on 6 December 2024.

Approval Actions	Timeline
LNRS steering group approval	9 August 2024 – 27 August 2024
CPCA Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee approval	3 September 2024 – 11 September 2024
Supporting Authorities pre-consultation approval	12 September 2024 – 10 October 2024
CPCA Board approval (delegation to environment committee)	2 July 2024 – 10 July 2024
Public consultation commences	11 October 2024 - 6 December 2024

3. How will we consult?

3.1. Platform used to consult.

Cambridgeshire County Council will lead on the public consultation of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LNRS and will using [Consult Cambs](#) platform.

3.2. What consultees are being asked to respond to and commitment required.

Consultees will be asked to review the draft Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LNRS, including providing a response to the following components:

- **Local Habitat Map, to identify:**
 - o National conservation sites in the strategy area.
 - o Nature reserves in the strategy area.
 - o Other areas that are important for biodiversity and nature recovery.
 - o Areas where biodiversity could contribute to other environmental benefits.
- **Statement of Biodiversity Priorities**
 - o A description of biodiversity for the strategy area.
 - o Opportunities for recovering or enhancing biodiversity in the strategy area.
 - o Prioritise areas and species for recovering or enhancing biodiversity in the strategy area.
 - o Identify priorities for recovery or enhancing biodiversity in the strategy area.

While it is estimated it will take XXX to enter your response to the consultation, respondents may wish to spend some time reviewing and reflecting on the document prior to formulating and submitting a response.

3.3. What difference their help will make?

This will give consultees to chance to review and provide a response to the agreed priorities for nature recovery in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Since January 2024 a range of stakeholder engagement events have been taking place to identify these priorities, this includes:

- Workshops
- Community Engagement events
- Engagement sessions with landowners, farmers and other managers including IDBs.
- Surveys and questionnaires
- 1-1 conversations with partners and stakeholders

Since April 2024, a prioritisations process has been undertaken to shortlist and agree priorities and potential measures for nature recovery. All the information collected from the engagement activities above were input into this process to agree the shortlist for nature recovery. The methodology for this process is explained in Appendix XXX.

3.4. How will consultees receive feedback after the consultation?

Cambridgeshire County Council has a responsibility to publish all responses to the consultation within a reasonable time of the consultation concluding. Officers at Cambridgeshire County Council will publish the results of the consultations within four to six weeks (dependant on the number of responses received)

The published responses will be made available on Consult Cambs CCambridgeshire Insights Open Portal and the [LNRS website](#).

The LNRS Officer, members of the LNRS Production Team and CCC Policy & Insights Tea, will collate all response and provide a response.

The following will be included in the published responses, private information will be redacted:

- Summary report
- Spreadsheet of survey responses

- Spreadsheet of additional response (received email or postal)
- Public responses

4. Method

The following methodologies will be used to support the consultation of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LNRS.

Method	Description	Timeline
Self – completion surveys and questionnaires	Using Consult Cambs, a set of questions online and/or through post will be used to collect a large number of organisational and individual views, including those of farmers, land owners and other land managers.	11 October 2024 – 6 December 2024
GIS Tool	Included in self-completion survey and questionnaires, to represent GIS information.	11 October 2024 – 6 December 2024
Drop-in sessions at Library Hubs	Using Libraries Hubs and working with staff members to provide support on consultation response.	11 October 2024 – 6 December 2024
LNRS Summit	Organise a Nature Recovery Summit to present the draft document and announce the launch of the consultation	1 October 2024 – 6 December 2024
Engagement activities to hard-to-reach groups.	Natural Cambridgeshire to lead	
Engagement sessions with interest groups.	Natural Cambridgeshire to lead	
Comms activities.	Promotion materials, newsletters, website, flyers/ posters etc.	

5. Required Documents

The following documents and information will be presented as part of the consultation.

Document	Method	Influence decision making
Consultation draft of Local Nature Recovery Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-completed survey • Drop-in sessions at Libraries • LNRS Submit 	To gather overall views and responses on Nature Recovery in the county.
Local Habitat Map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-completed survey • Map tool to represent GIS information. 	Does this clearly identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National conservation sites in the strategy area. • Nature reserves in the strategy area. • Other areas that are important for biodiversity and nature recovery. • Areas where biodiversity could contribute to other environmental benefits.
Statement of Biodiversity Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-completed survey • Map tool to represent GIS information. 	Does this clearly state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of biodiversity strategies for the strategy area.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for recovery or enhancing biodiversity in the strategy area. • Priorities areas and species for recovering or enhancing biodiversity in the strategy area. • Identify priorities for recovery or enhancing biodiversity in the strategy area.
Prioritisation Process & methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-completed survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the methodology taken for prioritising nature recovery in the county. • Does this represent a transparent and balanced approach. • Represent priorities that have not been included in the Statement of Biodiveristy Priorities and why.
Contact Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address • Email • Website 	For participants to get in contact with any questions/ request alternative formats of consultation.
Important Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline of consultation • Date for uploading formal response to consultation. • Next steps dates (e.g. Published document) 	n/a
FAQs	Provide further information on Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	n/a

6. Post Consultation

Once the consultation has been closed, the following process will be undertaken to process and analyse the responses. This will be completed by the LNRS Officer, members of the LNRS Production Team, with support from the CCC Research Team.

Process the data	Analyse the data	Publish response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the data onto a spreadsheet. • Accuracy • Data cleaning • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify trend's (Thematic analysis of comments) • Use thematic analysis inform the development of implementable measures to be incorporated into, or developed from, the strategy and drive change. • Feedback to those that responded. 	Publish responses

The findings, summary report, spreadsheet of public, organisational and landowner responses, spreadsheet of additional response and stakeholder's responses will be presented to the LNRS steering group for review, feedback, and approval prior to public release of consultation responses.

Findings will be incorporated into the final draft of LNRS (to be published on 31 March 2025).

The summarised thematic analysis will inform revisions to the draft LNRS, including the development of implementable measures, with a view to the final document being published on 31 March 2025.

Appendix 1 – to be completed/ updated, however suggested questions below.

Draft Survey/Questionnaire

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LNRS	
Question	Response
Overall Document <i>(provide introduction which summaries what the document is, why it is important, and how responses will be used)</i>	
To what extent do you support or oppose the overall Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LNRS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strongly support• Support• Neither support nor oppose• Oppose• Strongly oppose

Chapter 1– Introduction <i>(provide purpose of this chapter/ summary/ overview etc)</i>	
To what extent do you agree or disagree that chapter two fairly represents the state of nature in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly agree • Agree • Neither agree nor disagree • Disagree • Strongly disagree
Do you agree or disagree that chapter two fairly represents the local context and environmental challenges specific to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly agree • Agree • Neither agree nor disagree • Disagree • Strongly disagree
If you disagreed, please state why and provide any information you feel is missing.	
If you agree, and have any comments to offer, please state here.	
Chapter 2 – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough’s Natural Environment <i>(provide purpose of this chapter/ summary/ overview etc)</i>	
To what extent do you agree or disagree that chapter three fairly represents Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Natural Environment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly agree • Agree • Neither agree nor disagree • Disagree • Strongly disagree
If you disagreed, please state why and provide any information you feel is missing.	
If you agree, and have any comments to offer, please state here.	
If you disagreed, please state why and provide any information you feel is missing.	Note: Could a mapping tool be used for these questions?
If you agree, and have any comments to offer, please state here.	
Chapter 3 - Priorities for nature recovery <i>(provide purpose of this chapter/ summary/ overview etc)</i>	
To what extent do you agree or disagree that chapter four fairly represents the priorities for nature recovery in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly agree • Agree • Neither agree nor disagree • Disagree • Strongly disagree
If you disagreed, please state why and provide any information you feel is missing.	Note: Could a mapping tool be used for these questions?
If you agree, and have any comments to offer, please state here.	
A statement of Biodiversity Priorities is a key component of Local Nature Recovery Strategy and must contain the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A description of biodiversity for the strategy area. - Opportunities for recovering or enhancing biodiversity in the strategy area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly agree • Agree • Neither agree nor disagree • Disagree • Strongly disagree

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prioritise areas and species for recovering or enhancing biodiversity in the strategy area. - Identify priorities for recovery or enhancing biodiversity in the strategy area. <p>To what extent do you agree or disagree that the Statement of Biodiversity fairly represents the above information?</p>	
If you disagreed, please state why and provide any information you feel is missing.	
If you agree, and have any comments to offer, please state here.	
To what extent do you agree with the species recovery priorities, including the management of invasive species.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly agree • Agree • Neither agree nor disagree • Disagree <p>Strongly disagree</p>
If you disagreed, please state why and provide any information you feel is missing.	
If you agree, and have any comments to offer, please state here.	
<p>As mentioned above Chapter/ Appendix XXX identify priorities for nature recovery.</p> <p>Do you agree or disagree with the priorities and potential measures presented in Chapter/ Appendix XXX ?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly agree • Agree • Neither agree nor disagree • Disagree • Strongly disagree
If you disagreed, please state why and provide any information you feel is missing.	
Do you agree or disagree with the species recovery represented in overall document.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly agree • Agree • Neither agree nor disagree • Disagree <p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p align="center">Chapter 4 – Local Habitat Map <i>(provide purpose of this chapter/ summary/ overview etc)</i></p>	
<p>A Local Habitat Map is a key component of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and must contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International & national sites • Local / County Wildlife Sites • Irreplaceable habitats • Priority habitats <p>Do you agree or disagree that the Local Habitat Map fairly represents the above information?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly agree • Agree • Neither agree nor disagree • Disagree <p>Strongly disagree</p>

The LNRS will require the involvement of many different stakeholders including the capacity of many organisations, and the necessary resources for delivery, if it is to be successfully implemented. If you have any comments on how you think the LNRS can be successfully implemented, please state them here:	
If you have any further comments to add, please state them here:	