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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to ask for your help in promoting the statutory consultation on Lancashire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

We are lucky in Lancashire to have a diverse and spectacular environment and landscape, stretching from the uplands to the coast, including areas designated for their national and international importance for biodiversity. However, reflecting global and national trends, Lancashire's biodiversity has been declining.

Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRSs) are a system of strategies for nature and environmental improvement required by law under the Environment Act 2021. Lancashire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) aims to stop species loss, help local wildlife flourish and provide a wide range of environmental benefits, whilst making our environment more resilient. It also has a focus on improving life for local people, by driving for more equitable access to nature, and improved health outcomes.

The strategy has mapped out the key areas for nature across the county, looked at what's putting them at risk, and where the best chances are to restore, enhance, and connect habitat, create new spaces for nature, and provide better access to natural environments that everyone can enjoy.

The strategy covers the wider Lancashire area including Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen and is one of a series of plans which link up across the country, and which aim to stop and reverse the decline of important biodiversity.

Its purpose is to assist land managers, developers, planners, environmental organisations, community groups and residents to pursue opportunities to help nature recover, and to target action and funding.

As the designated responsible authority, Lancashire County Council has led on the production of this Local Nature Recovery Strategy. However, an inclusive and collaborative approach has been taken to produce it with a broad range of partners and stakeholders, including Lancashire's 12 district councils and neighbouring unitary councils, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, national bodies

responsible for our environment, environmental charities, local species and habitat experts and local landowners and managers.

It has also been shaped by stakeholders from the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise sectors, and through input from nearly 1,000 people who responded to a public engagement survey held in early 2024 with their priorities for nature recovery in Lancashire.

This is a statutory consultation, and we would like to get as many responses as possible, to ensure the final strategy is as effective as it can be, and informed and understood by local communities.

I would be very grateful for your help in extending the reach of the consultation by sharing the link to our [webpage](#) with anyone you think may be interested in responding to the consultation. Please also find attached a PDF poster, in case you're able to help us publicise the consultation using available notice boards or other public spaces.

Yours sincerely

Debbie King

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Head of Environment & Climate

Have your say about our Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which aims to support our natural environment

We are lucky in Lancashire to have a diverse and spectacular environment and landscape, stretching from the uplands to the coast, including areas designated for their national and international importance for biodiversity.

However, reflecting global and national trends, Lancashire's biodiversity has been declining. We want to halt this decline and, in time, reverse biodiversity loss. We want to enhance and restore our best nature-rich sites e.g., Special Protection Areas (SPAs), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and Biological Heritage Sites (BHS), create new sites where there is opportunity to do so, and provide better access to natural environments that everyone can enjoy.

This is the first nature recovery strategy for Lancashire. It recognises the challenges we face in reversing this decline, but also the great opportunities we have to help nature recover, as well as the benefits of taking action, not only for our important landscapes, habitats and species, but for the people of Lancashire.

Nature can provide many benefits, including greater public enjoyment and better health, carbon capture, water and air quality improvements and flood management. A more attractive place to work, visit and do business also supports our ambition to create more economic opportunities for local people.

Whether you are a land manager, developer, planner, environmental organisation, a member of a community group or resident, the strategy will help you to identify opportunities to support nature's recovery and to target action and funding.

It is important to note that the LNRS is not a delivery plan and does not place any obligations or restrictions on landowners. It identifies the best opportunities and locations for nature recovery and can be used to inspire people to get involved in taking action.

Have your say

We are holding a public consultation on our draft strategy from Monday 23 June to Sunday 3 August 2025. Please tell us what you think by responding to our survey. Your feedback will help to inform our final strategy.

Most questions in the survey provide a link to the information you will need to help you respond to the question. There are 10 main questions covering:

- Vision and aims of the strategy
- Why we need a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)
- Who the LNRS is for and how to use it
- The LNRS Priorities
- The LNRS potential measures
- Lancashire's LNRS target species

- The biological heritage sites priority and potential measures
- The LNRS Local Habitat Map
- Universal priorities (the priorities that address pressures affecting all habitats across Lancashire)
- Supporting actions (wider measures that will support and enable delivery)

You do not need to answer every question. Please ensure you click through to the end and click 'submit' to complete the survey.

[Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation - Jun 2025](#)

Have your say

on our plans to revive nature
in Lancashire

Lancashire's new
Local Nature Recovery
Strategy aims to help
vital habitats and species
recover and thrive.

**Find out more and
respond to the
consultation before
Sunday 3 August 2025.**



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