

# Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation

## Overview

People and organisations across Dorset have come together to prepare a Local Nature Recovery Strategy to help restore and protect nature in our county. The strategy sets 12 priorities for nature recovery in Dorset, supported by a list of potential activities and a local habitat map. This consultation gives people the opportunity to help shape the strategy and get involved in nature recovery.

The survey includes questions for everyone. You can skip any questions that don't feel relevant to you. The survey is likely to take around 10 to 20 minutes to complete, depending on how many questions you choose to answer or skip. If you have not already done so, please visit [[dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/nature-recovery-strategy](https://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/nature-recovery-strategy)] to check out the strategy or download a copy, before answering the questions.

Please note, any data collected follows Dorset Council's privacy policy [<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/dorset-council-privacy-notice>]. If you provide your contact details at any point throughout the survey, they will only be used for the purpose in which you have provided them.

**Note about mapping:** this survey contains questions about the maps in the strategy. You can find them online at Dorset Explorer [<https://gi.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorsetexplorer/nature-recovery>]. Due to their size, they are not provided within this document. To help, libraries can support you in opening the maps on a computer. Also, we know maps are not completely accessible, so if you have any accessibility requirements, we want to ensure you can still fully take part. To do so, please call us at 01305 221000 and we will support you in getting the information you need to respond.



# Section 1

## About you

Please tell us a little bit about yourself or your organisation, group or business.

### Q1. I am responding as:

Please tick one option.

	An individual – <i>if selected, go to Q4</i>
	An organisation, group or business – <i>if selected, go to Q2</i>

### Q2. Please provide the name of your organisation, group or business?

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### Q3. Are you providing an official response for your organisation, group or business?

Please tick one option.

	Yes
	No

### Q4. Please pick the option that best describes you/your group.

Please tick one option.

	Farmers, Foresters, Landowners and Land managers <i>(People who own and/or manage land. For example, farms, woodlands and estates)</i>
	Communities and Individuals <i>(Members of the public and local voluntary or community sector organisations)</i>
	Business, Industry and Economy <i>(Large and small businesses across all sectors. For example, utilities, manufacturing, retail, hospitality, building development)</i>
	Public bodies <i>(Local government, town and parish councils, regional government bodies and agencies, and public service providers. For example, healthcare)</i>

*[Options continue on next page]*

	Nature and environment sector <i>(Individuals and organisations with expertise or interest in nature, environmental issues or managing land for conservation purposes)</i>
	Partnerships and connectors <i>(Existing groups that work collaboratively across sectors or on specific issues)</i>

## Involvement in the strategy

### Q5. Have you been involved in preparing the draft Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy?

*Please tick one option.*

	I am a member of the steering group or one of the LNRS advisory groups
	I attended an event, workshop or meeting
	I have joined the Nature Recovery Dorset network
	I was asked to help with a specific task by one of the advisory group members
	I have not been involved

### Q6. Do you live or work in Dorset?

Dorset's local nature recovery strategy covers the county of Dorset, including both Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP) Council areas.

*Please tick one option.*

	I live in the Dorset Council area
	I live in the BCP Council area
	I work in Dorset (either Dorset Council or BCP) but am a resident elsewhere
	I am not a resident and do not work in the area

### Q7. Please provide your postcode

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## Section 2 - What is nature recovery?

Please let us know your thoughts on what nature recovery is and what it will achieve in Dorset.

### Q8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### Statement 1 – “The strategy helps explain what nature recovery is”

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

#### Q8a. If you disagree or strongly disagree with statement 1, please let us know why

#### Q9. Statement 2 – “The strategy helped me understand why nature recovery is needed”

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

**Q9a. If you disagree or strongly disagree with statement 2, please let us know why**

## **Nature recovery**

**Q10. What do you think are the most important benefits of nature recovery?**

*Please tick all that apply.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase the amount and variety of wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/>	Connect nature-rich spaces across our towns, villages, coast and countryside
<input type="checkbox"/>	Making wildlife and people more resilient
<input type="checkbox"/>	Improve water quality
<input type="checkbox"/>	Help us reduce and adapt to climate change
<input type="checkbox"/>	Help protect our homes and businesses from flooding
<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide healthy and sustainable food
<input type="checkbox"/>	Give us outdoor spaces to enjoy for our physical and mental health
<input type="checkbox"/>	Support our economy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	None of the above

### Section 3 – Purpose and delivery

Please let us know your thoughts on the draft local nature recovery strategy and its goals.

**Q11. Do you understand what the strategy is for?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – <i>if selected, go to Q13</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – <i>if selected, go to Q12</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know – <i>if selected, go to Q12</i>

**Q12. If you answered ‘no’ or ‘don’t know’ for Q11, please tell us why.**

### Using the strategy

**Q13. How do you think you will be able to use the strategy and its maps?**

*Please tick all that apply.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	To find potential activities I can do to make space for nature
<input type="checkbox"/>	To support funding applications
<input type="checkbox"/>	To see on the map the best places to take action
<input type="checkbox"/>	To see how my activities will join up with those of other individuals, businesses and organisations
<input type="checkbox"/>	To help deliver wider objectives in my local area
<input type="checkbox"/>	None of the above
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)

**If other, please specify here:**

## Section 4 - Shared vision and joint mission

The shared vision for nature recovery in Dorset reflects the views of the local people and organisations who have helped create the local nature recovery strategy. It sets out what people want to achieve over the next 10 years. The joint mission unites individuals, communities and organisations in a commitment to play their part towards nature recovery.

### Q14. How much do you agree or disagree with the shared vision?

**Shared vision** – “Nature in Dorset is thriving, resilient, and connected across our landscapes. It is accessible to and celebrated by all.”

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree – <i>if selected, go to Q16</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree - <i>if selected, go to Q16</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree - <i>if selected, go to Q16</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree – <i>if selected, go to Q15</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree - <i>if selected, go to Q15</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know - <i>if selected, go to Q16</i>

### Q15. If you disagree or strongly disagree, please let us know why

### Q16. How much do you agree or disagree with the joint mission?

**Joint mission** – “Collectively work together to meet the urgent need and ambition to address the climate and nature emergencies through nature recovery.”

*Please tick one option [answer options on the next page]*

	Strongly agree - <i>if selected, go to Q18</i>
	Agree - <i>if selected, go to Q18</i>
	Neither agree nor disagree - <i>if selected, go to Q18</i>
	Disagree - <i>if selected, go to Q17</i>
	Strongly disagree - <i>if selected, go to Q17</i>
	Don't know - <i>if selected, go to Q18</i>

**Q17. If you disagree or strongly disagree, please let us know why**

## Section 5 - Priorities and activities

Dorset’s draft local nature recovery strategy includes 12 nature recovery priorities, supported by a list of potential activities that can be done across different sectors to help achieve each priority.

The next section will ask you questions about each priority. All these questions are optional, so you do not have to answer questions on priorities you are not interested in. To make this easier, in the table below you can see the 12 priorities, and the relevant page(s) so you can pick and choose the ones relevant to you.

Find full information about each priority and the potential activities that help support it by visiting [<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-local-nature-recovery-priorities-and-activities>] or you can view all the relevant information as a PDF or printed copy in the draft strategy. To help with this, the page numbers of the strategy will also be shown in the table below.

Priority	Page(s) in the survey	Page(s) in the strategy
1. Grassland	9 to 10	37 to 40
2. Woodlands	10 to 11	41 to 44
3. Heathlands	12 to 13	45 to 47
4. Rivers, lakes and wetlands	13 to 14	48 to 51
5. Coastal	14 to 16	52 to 54
6. Urban	16 to 17	55 to 58
7. Farming	17 to 18	59 to 62



8. Natural processes	19 to 20	63 to 65
9. Nature-based solutions	20 to 21	66 to 69
10. Nature connection	21 to 23	70 to 74
11. Species abundance and diversity	23 to 24	75 to 78
12. Priority species	24 to 26	79 to 85

Once you have finished answering questions on the priorities, go to section 6 – Local Habitat Map on page 26.

## Priority 1 – Grassland

Increase and enhance grassland across Dorset by creating more species-rich, larger, better-managed, and interconnected areas.

### Q18. How much do you agree or disagree with this priority for Dorset?

Please tick one option.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

### Q19. Would you do any activities to support the grassland priority?

Everyone can help in different ways and in all sized spaces. You might answer these questions based on activities you can do at home, as a volunteer in your community, at work, or on land you own or manage.

Please tick one option.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I already do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would do it if I had the space or land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I might do this if I knew more about how I could help
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not want to do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not know how I would do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable

**Q20. If you have any comments about the grasslands priority, let us know here.**

Please use the box below to tell us about:

- anything that is unclear in the explanation of the priority
- any activities that are unclear
- any activities that you are doing, or planning to do, that are not listed

**If you would like to comment on another priority, you can see the table with all the priorities listed again on pages 8 and 9. If not, please go to the next section on page 26.**

## **Priority 2 – Woodland**

Dorset’s woodland habitats of broadleaved, mixed, wet woodland, and scrub are sustainably managed, resilient, expanded, and better connected.

**Q21. How much do you agree or disagree with this priority for Dorset?**

*Please tick one option*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

**Q22. Would you do any activities to support the woodland priority?**

Everyone can help in different ways and in all sized spaces. You might answer these questions based on activities you can do at home, as a volunteer in your community, at work, or on land you own or manage.

*Please tick one option.*

	I already do this
	I will do this
	I would do it if I had the space or land
	I might do this if I knew more about how I could help
	I do not want to do this
	I do not know how I would do this
	Not applicable

**Q23. If you have any comments about the woodland priority, let us know here.**

Please use the box below to tell us about:

- anything that is unclear in the explanation of the priority
- any activities that are unclear
- any activities that you are doing, or planning to do, that are not listed

**If you would like to comment on another priority, you can see the table with all the priorities listed again on pages 8 and 9. If not, please go to the next section on page 26.**

### Priority 3 – Heathlands

Heathland habitats are better, bigger, and connected, and where there are gaps, more wildlife habitat is created.

**Q24. How much do you agree or disagree with this priority for Dorset?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

**Q25. Would you do any activities to support the heathland priority?**

Everyone can help in different ways and in all sized spaces. You might answer these questions based on activities you can do at home, as a volunteer in your community, at work, or on land you own or manage.

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	I already do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would do it if I had the space or land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I might do this if I knew more about how I could help
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not want to do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not know how I would do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable

**Q26. If you have any comments about the heathland priority, let us know here.**

Please use the box on the next page to tell us about:

- anything that is unclear in the explanation of the priority
- any activities that are unclear
- any activities that you are doing, or planning to do, that are not listed

If you would like to comment on another priority, you can see the table with all the priorities listed again on pages 8 and 9. If not, please go to the next section on page 26.

### Priority 4 - Rivers, lakes and wetlands

Rivers and lakes are naturally functioning, and wetland habitats are better, bigger, and connected to support wildlife and provide clean water and flood protection.

**Q27. How much do you agree or disagree with this priority for Dorset?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

**Q28. Would you do any activities to support the rivers, lakes and wetlands priority?**

Everyone can help in different ways and in all sized spaces. You might answer these questions based on activities you can do at home, as a volunteer in your community, at work, or on land you own or manage.

*Please tick one option [answer options are on the next page].*

	I already do this
	I will do this
	I would do it if I had the space or land
	I might do this if I knew more about how I could help
	I do not want to do this
	I do not know how I would do this
	Not applicable

**Q29. If you have any comments about the rivers, lakes and wetlands priority, let us know here.**

Please use the box below to tell us about:

- anything that is unclear in the explanation of the priority
- any activities that are unclear
- any activities that you are doing, or planning to do, that are not listed

**If you would like to comment on another priority, you can see the table with all the priorities listed again on pages 8 and 9. If not, please go to the next section on page 26.**

## **Priority 5 – Coastal**

The coastal strip is enhanced and restored to safeguard key habitats that protect rare and vulnerable species and space is created for coastal retreat as habitat is lost to erosion and sea level rise.

**Q30. How much do you agree or disagree with this priority for Dorset?**

*Please tick one option [answer options are on the next page].*

	Strongly agree
	Agree
	Neither agree nor disagree
	Disagree
	Strongly disagree
	Don't know

**Q31. Would you do any activities to support the coastal priority?**

Everyone can help in different ways and in all sized spaces. You might answer these questions based on activities you can do at home, as a volunteer in your community, at work, or on land you own or manage.

*Please tick one option.*

	I already do this
	I will do this
	I would do it if I had the space or land
	I might do this if I knew more about how I could help
	I do not want to do this
	I do not know how I would do this
	Not applicable

**Q32. If you have any comments about the coastal priority, let us know here.**

Please use the box on the next page to tell us about:

- anything that is unclear in the explanation of the priority
- any activities that are unclear
- any activities that you are doing, or planning to do, that are not listed

If you would like to comment on another priority, you can see the table with all the priorities listed again on pages 8 and 9. If not, please go to the next section on page 26.

## Priority 6 – Urban

Our towns and villages have increased nature-rich spaces, so wildlife can travel between buildings, roads, parks, gardens and the wider countryside.

### Q33. How much do you agree or disagree with this priority for Dorset?

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

### Q34. Would you do any activities to support the urban priority?

Everyone can help in different ways and in all sized spaces. You might answer these questions based on activities you can do at home, as a volunteer in your community, at work, or on land you own or manage.

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	I already do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would do it if I had the space or land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I might do this if I knew more about how I could help
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not want to do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not know how I would do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable

### Q35. If you have any comments about the urban priority, let us know here.

Please use the box on the next page to tell us about:



- anything that is unclear in the explanation of the priority
- any activities that are unclear
- any activities that you are doing, or planning to do, that are not listed

If you would like to comment on another priority, you can see the table with all the priorities listed again on pages 8 and 9. If not, please go to the next section on page 26.

## Priority 7 – Farming

Sustainable farming practices are widely adopted to produce good quality food in harmony with nature.

### Q36. How much do you agree or disagree with this priority for Dorset?

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

**Q37. Would you do any activities to support the farming priority?**

Everyone can help in different ways and in all sized spaces. You might answer these questions based on activities you can do at home, as a volunteer in your community, at work, or on land you own or manage.

*Please tick one option.*

	I already do this
	I will do this
	I would do it if I had the space or land
	I might do this if I knew more about how I could help
	I do not want to do this
	I do not know how I would do this
	Not applicable

**Q38. If you have any comments about the farming priority, let us know here.**

Please use the box on the next page to tell us about:

- anything that is unclear in the explanation of the priority
- any activities that are unclear
- any activities that you are doing, or planning to do, that are not listed

**If you would like to comment on another priority, you can see the table with all the priorities listed again on pages 8 and 9. If not, please go to the next section on page 26.**

## Priority 8 – Natural processes

Natural process-led conservation approaches are used more widely to support functioning ecosystems and shape an ever-changing landscape.

### Q39. How much do you agree or disagree with this priority for Dorset?

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

### Q40. Would you do any activities to support the natural processes priority?

Everyone can help in different ways and in all sized spaces. You might answer these questions based on activities you can do at home, as a volunteer in your community, at work, or on land you own or manage.

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	I already do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would do it if I had the space or land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I might do this if I knew more about how I could help
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not want to do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not know how I would do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable

### Q41. If you have any comments about the natural processes priority, let us know here.

Please use the box on the next page to tell us about:

- anything that is unclear in the explanation of the priority
- any activities that are unclear
- any activities that you are doing, or planning to do, that are not listed

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If you would like to comment on another priority, you can see the table with all the priorities listed again on pages 8 and 9. If not, please go to the next section on page 26.

### Priority 9 - Nature-based solutions

Nature-based solutions are used as the first choice to address wider environmental issues, such as flooding, climate change and pollution.

#### Q42. How much do you agree or disagree with this priority for Dorset?

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

#### Q43. Would you do any activities to support the nature-based solutions priority?

Everyone can help in different ways and in all sized spaces. You might answer these questions based on activities you can do at home, as a volunteer in your community, at work, or on land you own or manage.

*Please tick one option [answer options continue on the next page].*

<input type="checkbox"/>	I already do this
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	I will do this
	I would do it if I had the space or land
	I might do this if I knew more about how I could help
	I do not want to do this
	I do not know how I would do this
	Not applicable

**Q44. If you have any comments about the nature-based solutions priority, let us know here.**

Please use the box on the next page to tell us about:

- anything that is unclear in the explanation of the priority
- any activities that are unclear
- any activities that you are doing, or planning to do, that are not listed

If you would like to comment on another priority, you can see the table with all the priorities listed again on pages 8 and 9. If not, please go to the next section on page 26.

**Priority 10 – Nature connection**

More people are informed on nature recovery in Dorset and are actively doing something to make space for nature.

**Q45. How much do you agree or disagree with this priority for Dorset?**

*Please tick one option [answer options are on the next page].*

	Strongly agree
	Agree
	Neither agree nor disagree
	Disagree
	Strongly disagree
	Don't know

**Q46. Would you do any activities to support the nature connection priority?**

Everyone can help in different ways and in all sized spaces. You might answer these questions based on activities you can do at home, as a volunteer in your community, at work, or on land you own or manage.

*Please tick one option.*

	I already do this
	I will do this
	I would do it if I had the space or land
	I might do this if I knew more about how I could help
	I do not want to do this
	I do not know how I would do this
	Not applicable

**Q47. If you have any comments about the nature connection priority, let us know here.**

Please use the box below to tell us about:

- anything that is unclear in the explanation of the priority
- any activities that are unclear
- any activities that you are doing, or planning to do, that are not listed

If you would like to comment on another priority, you can see the table with all the priorities listed again on pages 8 and 9. If not, please go to the next section on page 26.

## Priority 11 – Species abundance and diversity

Abundance and diversity of local species increases so that sustainable populations are reached and maintained, while invasive non-native species are controlled.

### Q48. How much do you agree or disagree with this priority for Dorset?

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

### Q49. Would you do any activities to support the species abundance and diversity priority?

Everyone can help in different ways and in all sized spaces. You might answer these questions based on activities you can do at home, as a volunteer in your community, at work, or on land you own or manage.

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	I already do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would do it if I had the space or land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I might do this if I knew more about how I could help
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not want to do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not know how I would do this
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable

**Q50. If you have any comments about the species abundance and diversity priority, let us know here.**

Please use the box on the next page to tell us about:

- anything that is unclear in the explanation of the priority
- any activities that are unclear
- any activities that you are doing, or planning to do, that are not listed

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## **Priority 12 – Priority species**

Dorset’s priority species needing bespoke conservation action are supported and sustained.

**Q51. How much do you agree or disagree with this priority for Dorset?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know



**Q52. Would you do any activities to support the priority species priority?**

Everyone can help in different ways and in all sized spaces. You might answer these questions based on activities you can do at home, as a volunteer in your community, at work, or on land you own or manage.

*Please tick one option.*

	I already do this
	I will do this
	I would do it if I had the space or land
	I might do this if I knew more about how I could help
	I do not want to do this
	I do not know how I would do this
	Not applicable

**Q53. If you have any comments about the priority species priority, let us know here.**

Please use the box on the next page to tell us about:

- anything that is unclear in the explanation of the priority
- any activities that are unclear
- any activities that you are doing, or planning to do, that are not listed

**Q54. If you wish to propose a change to the priority species list, please either provide a postal address or call 01305 221000 so we can send you a form to do this separately**

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If you would like to comment on another priority, you can see the table with all the priorities listed again on pages 8 and 9. If not, please go to the next section on page 26.

## Section 6 – Local habitat map

The local habitat map that forms part of the local nature recovery strategy is made up of the following 3 layers:

- **nature areas of national importance:** this layer combines all the sites that are currently recognised and protected within the land-use planning system for their nature value
- **high opportunity nature areas:** this layer guides where efforts should be targeted to meet Dorset’s nature recovery priorities
- **potential activities:** this layer guides what activities to do where, suggesting what sort of habitat creation or enhancement could be most beneficial in different areas across Dorset

These map layers are designed to be used together with the written priorities and activities in the strategy.

This consultation only asks questions about the Local Habitat Map. This is because the other layers available as part of Dorset’s nature recovery maps do not form part of the strategy.

**Note about mapping:** this survey contains questions about the maps in the strategy.

You can find them online at Dorset Explorer

[<https://gi.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorsetexplorer/nature-recovery>]. Due to their size, they are not provided within this document. To help, libraries can support you in opening the maps on a computer. Also, we know maps are not completely accessible, so if you have any accessibility requirements, we want to ensure you can still fully take part. To do so, please call us at 01305 221000 and we will support you in getting the information you need to respond.

**Q55. How do you find using the local habitat map?**

*Please tick one option.*

	Easy
	Moderate
	Hard

**Please feel free to provide a comment as to why you feel this:**

**Q56. Do you think the local habitat map, together with the written priorities and activities in the strategy, provide you with enough information to guide you in taking action for nature?**

*Please tick one option.*

	Yes
	No
	Maybe – if I could learn to use the map
	Don't know

**Please feel free to provide a comment as to why you feel this:**

**The next section is for landowners, farmers, land managers and those working on nature recovery projects only, to feedback on how their land or project is appearing in the local habitat map. Please go to the section that is appropriate for you.**

Option A – I am a landowner, farmer, land manager, or working on a nature recovery project and would like to add my land or project to the high opportunity nature areas	Go to page 28
Option B – I am a landowner, farmer, land manager, or working on a nature recovery project and would like to suggest a change to the primary activity shown for my land or project area	Go to page 35
Option C – I am a landowner, farmer, land manager, or working on a nature recovery project and have another comment or issue with how my land or project is shown on the map	Go to page 37
None of these options relate to me, I would like to skip to the next section	Go to page 38

## **Option A – adding land to the high opportunity nature areas**

Please answer the following questions to put your land or project forward to be included in the high opportunity nature areas. Please note we cannot add residential gardens in people’s homes to this map. You can tell us about actions for nature in private homes a bit later in this survey.

### **What does being a high opportunity nature area mean?**

#### **What are high opportunity nature areas**

High opportunity nature areas are 1 of 3 layers that form the Local Habitat Map as part of the local nature recovery strategy. Defra call this layer ‘Areas that could become of importance’.

High opportunity nature areas show where efforts could be focused to achieve the most for nature recovery and the wider environment

#### **Benefits of your land being part of the maps**

- attract funding and investment – this map will be one tool used to guide allocation of a range of public, private and voluntary sector funding e.g. Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMs) and private investment
- see your own planned nature recovery activities on the map, or use the different map layers to help decide what activities are right for you

- promote what you are doing or your ambition – this can lead to reputational and financial benefits
- connect with others - bring everyone’s efforts onto one map and show how Dorset is contributing to the 30by30 target

### **Key information about your land being included**

- there are no obligations from adding your land to this map, statutory guidance is clear in stating that "the LNRS strategies do not force the owners and managers of the land identified to make any changes. Instead, the government is encouraging action through, for example, opportunities for funding and investment." Land managers and landowners maintain flexibility to identify what activities and funding options will work best for you, your business and your land
- high opportunity nature areas are not a designation – nature recovery is about increasing nature-richness across the whole county, not just on protected sites. High opportunity nature areas therefore show opportunity to manage land in ways that enhance biodiversity long-term, including as part of sustainable farming or development. Designation processes are separate to this strategy
- the local nature recovery strategy can be used to help deliver sustainable development, but it is not intended as a tool to restrict activity or development. Find out more on [How the Dorset local nature recovery strategy will work with planning policy](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/how-the-dorset-local-nature-recovery-strategy-will-work-with-planning-policy-1) [https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/how-the-dorset-local-nature-recovery-strategy-will-work-with-planning-policy-1]
- no new access rights have been created, access will continue to require landowner permission, except for existing access rights such as rights of way or open access land
- the map will show a general boundary around a landholding or cluster, not detail on individual parcels or fields (unless requested by the landowner or manager)
- the text alongside the map is clear that maps are a useful guide, but not a prescription. The maps are high-level, so do not replace the need for on-the-ground expertise, site-based assessments and management plans.
- use of the maps together with the written part of strategy is necessary, as it is not possible to show all the detail on the map and some activities need to be delivered right across the county.

Once the strategy is published (expected winter 2025), no changes will be possible to the strategy or maps until a review is instructed by the Defra secretary of state (expected to be between 3 to 10 years). Contact us at [LNRS@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:LNRS@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) if you’d like to discuss things further.

**Q57. What is the name of your business/organisation/group?**

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**Q58. Your contact details**

Please enter one or more of the following (email/phone number/link to website or social media page)

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**Q59. What stage are you at?**

Please select the sentence that best describes the land you wish to be considered as a High Opportunity Nature Area.

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Work already happening on the land for nature recovery to be continued or expanded
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposal, plans or feasibility study prepared to do something on the land for nature recovery
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thinking about doing something different with the land for nature recovery, if the right funding and support is available

**Q60. Which of the following nature recovery priorities does your action or proposal support?**

*Please tick all that apply.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing and enhancing grassland habitats
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhancing and connecting woodland habitats
<input type="checkbox"/>	Improving and expanding heathland habitats
<input type="checkbox"/>	Restoring rivers, lakes, and wetland habitats
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhancing and restoring coastal habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing the abundance and diversity of local wildlife species (and/or controlling invasive non-native species)

*[Answer options continue on next page]*

	Using sustainable farming practices to produce good quality food in harmony with nature
	Making more wildlife-rich spaces in towns and villages (e.g. parks, gardens, streets or recreational spaces)
	Taking a natural process-led approach to conservation
	Using nature-based solutions to help with issues like climate change, pollution, flooding or health
	Helping others to get involved in nature recovery

**Q61. Please tell us which of the following activities you are doing, or thinking of doing, on your land in the next 10 years?**

We will use your answer to set a primary activity for your land or project area in the potential activities layer on the map.

*Please tick all that apply.*

	Create or enhance heathland or wetland habitat
	Create or enhance heathland habitat
	Create or enhance wetland habitat
	Enhance coastal habitat
	Enhance intertidal habitat
	Create or enhance wetland and river habitat
	Create or enhance grassland or wood pasture
	Create or enhance grassland habitat
	Create or enhance woodland habitat
	Create or enhance scrub
	Other (please specify)

**If other, please specify here:**

**Q62. What is the size of your area of land you want to put forward for a high opportunity nature area?**

To help you calculate, half a hectare is around the size of 1 football pitch. If your project area is not measured in hectares, please specify the unit of measurement with your answer.

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Under half a hectare
<input type="checkbox"/>	Between 0.5 hectare and 8 hectares
<input type="checkbox"/>	Between 8 hectares and 20 hectares
<input type="checkbox"/>	Between 20 hectares and 40 hectares
<input type="checkbox"/>	40 to 100 hectares
<input type="checkbox"/>	100 to 200 hectares
<input type="checkbox"/>	200 plus hectares
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)

**If other, please specify here:**

**Q63. Are you part of a landscape recovery project or proposed landscape recovery project?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes (please specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**If yes, please specify here:**



**Q64. Please provide a full postal address or clear description of the area you would like to add to the map. If possible, include a postcode or coordinates.**

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**Q65. Do you have permission for the land you want to include on the map?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I am the only landowner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I have permission from the landowner(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, but I will check landowner permissions after completing this form and update you

**Q66. Have you had any wildlife surveys done on your land?**

For example, an ecological baseline or particular species surveys.

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes (please specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**If yes, please specify here:**

**Q67. How do you, or will you, monitor and measure progress?**

Please list any targets, indicators, or methods you are using (or plan to use) to track and measure success for nature recovery.

**Q68. It is important to see how everyone’s activities are helping nature recover. Would you consider sharing any wildlife records or survey data with Dorset Environmental Records Centre (DERC)?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maybe – but I need more information about how to collect data and/or how the data will be used

**Q69. Your data - Please confirm you have read and understood the following statement.**

We will contact you if we have any follow-up questions about your proposal to add this land to the high opportunity nature areas. If your proposal is added to the map, it will show a general boundary around your landholding, cluster or project area and a summary of the nature recovery activities you propose there.

This map will be available to the public. Once published, no changes can be made to the map until a review is instructed by the Defra Secretary of State, which is expected to occur every 3 to 10 years.

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	I consent to the above
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not consent

The preparation of the local nature recovery strategy is a collaborative process, so we have formed several groups, which include representatives from a range of local organisations, as listed on our website: [Dorset's Local Nature Recovery Strategy - Dorset Council](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/about-the-local-nature-recovery-strategy) [https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/about-the-local-nature-recovery-strategy]. To help us process your response we may share the information you provide with the members of these groups.

**Q70. Are you happy for us to share your responses to this form with the steering group and expert advisory groups that are helping us prepare Dorset’s local nature recovery strategy?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**Q71. Land and projects that span across multiple counties will be relevant to multiple local nature recovery strategies. If your project spans multiple counties, are you happy for us to share your responses with those preparing local nature recovery strategies in other areas?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable

**Q72. Do you have any other comments about how your land appears on the map?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – if selected, go to Option C, page 37
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – if selected, go to Q73

**Q73. Would you like to comment on the rest of the map, not just on your land?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes - I would like to suggest a change somewhere else on the map
<input type="checkbox"/>	No - I have no further comments and would like to skip to the next question

**If you answered yes to Q73, please go to page 38. If you answered no, please go to page 40.**

## **Option B – Suggest a change to the primary activity**

The Potential Activities layer in the local habitat map guides what activities to do where. It is only a guide, not a completely accurate prescription to action on the ground. But you can tell us if a different primary activity might be better than the one currently showing for your land or project area.

Please note, we are not asking for your feedback on the secondary activities because these come from data that cannot be changed, we are only interested in your feedback on how we have decided what will be the primary activity.

**Note about mapping:** You can find them online at Dorset Explorer [<https://gi.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorsetexplorer/nature-recovery>]. Due to their size, they are not provided within this document. To help, libraries can support you in opening the maps on a computer. Also, we know maps are not completely accessible, so if you have any accessibility requirements, we want to ensure you can still fully take part. To do so, please call us at 01305 221000 and we will support you in getting the information you need to respond.

**Q74. Please provide a full postal address or clear description of the area you would like to comment on. If possible, include a postcode or coordinates.**

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**Q75. Please tell us what primary activity you suggest should be shown in the area you listed above**

*Please tick all that apply.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance heathland or wetland habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance heathland habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance wetland habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhance coastal habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhance intertidal habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance wetland and river habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance grassland or wood pasture
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance grassland habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance woodland habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance scrub
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)

**If other, please specify here:**

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**Q76. Please provide an email address or phone number if you are happy for us to contact you if we have any questions about your suggestion**

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**Q77. Do you have any other comments about how your land appears on the map?**

*Please tick one option.*

	Yes – if selected, go to Q79
	No – if selected, go to Q78

**Q78. Would you like to comment on the rest of the map, not just on your land?**

*Please tick one option.*

	Yes - I would like to suggest a change somewhere else on the map
	No - I have no further comments and would like to skip to the next question

**If you answered yes to Q78, please go to ‘Potential Activities map’ on page 38. If you answered no, please go to page 40.**

### **Option C – Other comment on my land or project**

**Q79. Please provide a summary of your comment or issue, and your contact details, so that we can get in touch with you to discuss further**

**Your contact details**

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**Your comment or issue**

**Q80. Would you like to comment on the rest of the map, not just on your land?**

*Please tick one option.*

	Yes - I would like to suggest a change somewhere else on the map
	No - I have no further comments and would like to skip to the next question

If you answered yes to Q80, please go to Q81. If you answered no, please go to page 40.

## Potential activities map

The **potential activities** layer in the local habitat map guides what activities to do where.

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Find more information on how to use this layer and how we created it in the Guide to Dorset’s nature recovery maps [<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/nature-recovery-strategy-supporting-documents>].

### Q81. Would you like to comment on a primary activity shown in the potential activities map?

Reminder: this map is only a guide to deliver activities, not a completely accurate prescription to action on the ground. But you can tell us if there are any areas where you think a different primary activity might be better than the one currently showing.

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I would like to suggest a change to the primary activity currently shown on the potential activities map layer - <i>if selected, go to Q82</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I would like to suggest a primary activity in a place that does not currently have one in the potential activities map layer – <i>if selected, go to Q82</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, I do not have any comments – <i>if selected, go to Q85 on page 40</i>

**Q82. Please provide a full postal address or clear description of the area you would like to comment on. If possible, include a postcode or coordinates.**

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Please note we are not asking for your feedback on the secondary activities because these come from data that cannot be changed, we are only interested in your feedback on how we have decided what will be the primary activity.

**Q83. Please tell us what activity you suggest would be better in the area you have drawn/commented on**

*Please tick all that apply.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance heathland or wetland habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance heathland habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance wetland habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhance coastal habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhance intertidal habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance wetland and river habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance grassland or wood pasture
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance grassland habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance woodland habitat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create or enhance scrub
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)

**If other, please specify here:**

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**Q84. Please summarise the reason why you think this should be the primary activity**

## Section 7 – Final comments

**Q85. If you have any further comments, please let us know here.**

**Q86. Are you, or could you start, helping make space for nature in Dorset?**

This could be at home, in your community, at work or on land you own or manage.

*Please tick one option.*

	Yes
	No

If you are already taking action for nature, please join the Nature Recovery Dorset network and help us celebrate the many different ways people, businesses, schools, farmers are helping nature thrive in our county. You can find more information about this at the end of the survey.

**If you have been inspired to do something for nature and would like to be updated on other ways to get involved, please provide your email address**

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## About you

This section is optional. We use it to collect diversity information. This helps to ensure any changes do not unfairly impact specific sectors of the community. It also helps to make sure our consultation response comes from a representative sample of residents.

### Q87. Please select your age group.

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Under 18
<input type="checkbox"/>	18 to 24
<input type="checkbox"/>	25 to 39
<input type="checkbox"/>	40 to 49
<input type="checkbox"/>	50 to 59
<input type="checkbox"/>	60 to 64
<input type="checkbox"/>	65 plus
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say

### Q88. What is your sex?

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Female
<input type="checkbox"/>	Male
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say

### Q89. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say

**Q90. The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – if selected, go to Q91
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – if selected, go to Q92
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say - if selected, go to Q92

**Q91. If at the previous question you stated you consider yourself to have a disability, please state the type of disability which applies to you.**

*Please tick all that apply.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Autistic Spectrum Conditions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blind
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dyscalculia
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dyslexia
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dyspraxia
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deaf
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hearing loss
<input type="checkbox"/>	Long term health condition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental health issues
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical impairment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sign Language User
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visually impaired
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical conditions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mobility issues
<input type="checkbox"/>	Learning disability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specific learning differences
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wheelchair user
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you prefer to use another term, please write in the space on the next page

**If you prefer to use another term:**

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**Q92. What is your ethnic group?**

*Please tick one option.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	White: British
<input type="checkbox"/>	White: Irish
<input type="checkbox"/>	White: Gypsy
<input type="checkbox"/>	White: Irish Traveller
<input type="checkbox"/>	White: Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed: White and Black Caribbean
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed: White and Black African
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed: White and Asian
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed: Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British: Indian
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British: Pakistan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British: Chinese
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British: Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black or Black British
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arab
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other ethnic group
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say

**If other, please specify here:**

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Thank you for your filling out the survey.

**Please return your completed survey by 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025. You can do this:**

- By hand to: any library in Dorset
- By post to: Natural Environment Team E4, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ
- By scanning and emailing to: [LNRS@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:LNRS@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)



## **Join the Nature Recovery Dorset network**

Are you helping make more space for nature in Dorset?

Join the Nature Recovery Dorset network today and be part of the movement to make nature bigger, better and more joined up in our county.

Nature Recovery Dorset celebrates and supports individuals, farmers, landowners, communities and organisations who are helping restore nature in Dorset.

There's no cost to join - just a shared desire to make nature in Dorset more abundant, connected, and resilient by 2030.

Find out more about the network. [<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/are-you-helping-make-more-space-for-nature-in-dorset>]

If you are interested in joining, see our registration form. [<https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/nr/network/>]