

# East Sussex and Brighton & Hove LNRS

## Help shape your Local Nature Recovery Strategy

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### About you

*This consultation is suitable for those aged 16 and above.*

#### Where in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove do you live?

Tick ONE box only

- ☐ Brighton & Hove
- ☐ Eastbourne
- ☐ Hastings
- ☒ Lewes
- ☐ Rother
- ☐ Wealden
- ☐ I don't live in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove but I work there
- ☐ I don't live or work in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove

#### Which of the below best describes you? (select one)

Tick ONE box only

- ☐ Farmer, Forester, Landowner or Land manager (someone who owns or manages land)
- ☐ Resident or a member of a local community group or voluntary sector organisation
- ☐ Business (large or small across all sectors) , Industry and Economy
- ☒ Public body (Local government, town and parish councils etc)
- ☐ Nature and environment sector (NGOs, individuals with expertise in nature or managing land for conservation purposes)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

#### Are you responding on behalf of an organisation or an individual?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Individual
- ☒ Organisation (please specify which one)

#### If you're responding as an organisation, please tell us which one

Seaford Town Council

## Your awareness of this LNRS

### Had you already heard about the strategy before consultation?

Tick ONE box only

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not sure

*Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Had you already heard about the strategy before public consultation?*

### Where you involved or engaged in some way in this LNRS?

Tick ANY that apply

- ☐ Watched a webinar  
☐ Responded to a survey  
☐ Added pins to the interactive map  
☐ Received a newsletter or an LNRS email  
☐ Attended a workshop  
☒ Visited the website  
☒ Attended a meeting or presentation  
☐ Emailed the Sussex Nature Recovery Team or County Council  
☐ Other (please specify)

### Do you consider you have a good understanding of the purpose of Local Nature Recovery Strategies?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Not sure

# Your feedback on the different parts of this LNRS

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove is split into four parts, each with a corresponding document (the PDFs that you can read and download from. [www.yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/lnrs-east](http://www.yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/lnrs-east)

Parts 1 and 2 contain the main elements of the LNRS. Part 3 has additional recommendations related to Species, and Part 4 has supporting technical detail. The following questions relate to the information contained in Parts 1 to 3.

Considering the strategy generally, how easy to read, clearly laid out and visually engaging do you find it?

Questions	Very	Quite	Not very	Not at all	Not sure
Easy to read			x		
Clearly laid out		x			
Visually engaging		x			

If you answered **not very** or **not at all** to the question above, how could we make the strategy generally better?

More succinct summaries would be useful, as there is far too much information to go through for most people. Something between the overviews and the full text.

## The next questions relate to Part 1

Considering Part 1 Section 4: Nature in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove - Description. Does this effectively set the scene for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove's current land use, the condition of the natural environment and the pressures it faces?

Tick ONE box only

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Partially
- ☐ No
- ☒ Don't know / Not sure

If you answered **No** or **Partially** to the question above, how might we make the **Description** better?

## The next questions relate to Part 2

Looking at the **Seven Principles** for Nature Recovery in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove (found in Part 2 Section 3) – do they help you understand the issues impacting nature in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove and how we might respond to them?

Tick ONE box only

- ☒ Yes  
☐ Partially  
☐ No  
☐ Don't know / Not sure

If you answered **not very** or **not at all** to the question above, how could we make the **principles** better?

Looking at the **24 Priorities** for nature's recovery in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove (found in Part 2, Section 4), do they capture everything you feel strongly about?

Tick ONE box only

- ☒ Yes  
☐ Partially  
☐ No  
☐ Don't know / Not sure

If you answered **not very** or **not at all** to the question above, how could we make the **priorities** better?

Looking at the **106 Measures** for nature's recovery in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove (found in Part 2 Section 4), are they generally written in a way that feels practical and easy to follow for those who might want to implement them?

Tick ONE box only

- ☐ Yes  
☐ Partially  
☐ No  
☒ Don't know / Not sure

If you answered **no** or **partially**, how could we make the **measures** better?

If you have a comment on a particular measure or measures, please let us know using the box below, making sure to include the measure number (e.g. C1.1)

## The next questions relate to Part 3

Do you agree with the list of prioritised species for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove that appears in Part 3, Section 5?

Tick ONE box only

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ Partially
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / Not sure

If you answered **No** or **partially**, what could we do to make the list of **priorities species** better?

Adders aren't on it currently. This is an important species at Seaford Head and can be considered an indicator species. Limited amount of orchids mentioned, including fragrant and pyramidal.

Looking at the priority species measures, do you happy that these are right?

Tick ONE box only

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Partially
- ☒ No
- ☐ Don't know / Not sure

If you answered **No** or **partially**, what could we do to make the list of **priorities species** better?

Chalk grassland fails to mention pony grazing, which is very effective at removing Torr Grass. No mention of scrub removal which is one of the main threats to chalk grasslands. The Moon Carrot at Seaford Head is currently at risk of disappearing over the edge and due to wind directions will not naturally disperse, so will need active intervention to keep the population.  
Kittiwakes: there is no mention of protection of food source, though appreciate this would sit outside the area but still is a major influence on their success.  
"Create and improve management of species rich grassland" seems quite vague, things like reduced cuts, cut and collect would create favourable habitats, maybe should make clear that verges are considered part of this.



## Local Habitat Map

The next questions relate to the interactive Local Habitat Map. This is made up of the following layers

- The APIB: Areas of Particular Importance for Biodiversity - A map which shows where our designated sites for nature are located.
- Measures maps – these identify locations where our measures could be carried out to deliver the greatest benefit to biodiversity and/or the wider environment.
- The ACIB: Areas that could be important for biodiversity - any measures mapped outside of the APIB

*Please note, while all the measures in the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove LNRS are valuable and beneficial for nature, not all of them are mappable. More than 50% of our measures are not mappable, in the main because a) we have insufficient data to map them accurately, b) we lack a clear rationale for mapping them or c) they could be implemented in a vast number of locations e.g. installing nesting boxes or wildflower strips. For detailed information about what we can and can't map, please refer to Part 4.*

Please take a look at our interactive Local Habitat Map: <https://rb.gy/k3dcu0>. If you have a comment on a specific location you can add this directly to the map. We are particularly interested to hear from you if you own, manage or advise on land in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove.

### Do you find the interactive Local Habitat Map easy to use and navigate?

Tick ONE box only

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ Partially
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / Not sure

If you answered **No** or **partially**, what could we do to make the **Local Habitat Map** better?

Colours can be hard to differentiate. Unable to zoom in enough to see the right level of detail.

### If there are measures mapped to land that you own, manage or advise on, do you think this could help support the planning, designing or the seeking of funding for actions for nature's recovery?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Don't know/Not sure

*If you own, manage or advise on land and we've missed anything, or you have any concerns about measures that overlap with your land, please email us at: **EastSussexLNRS@eastsussex.gov.uk***

### If you have any general comments on the Local Habitat Map, please add them below.

The SSSI at Seaford Head Local Nature reserve is not marked up to enhance chalk grassland, however, there is a huge opportunity here as the site is currently in declining due to scrub encroachment.

High and Over is marked for Enhance other priority woodland, 'till relatively (we believe 1950s) recently this was good species rich grassland. Although there is an opportunity to create better woodland here (which we're looking into), there is also potentially good species rich grassland if a lot of work was done.

Seaford Town Council (STC) note an area of land in STC's ownership to the side of Chyngton Brooks is highlighted for Renaturalise rivers and floodplains, STC would like to know more about what could be done here, Chyngton Brooks itself seems more of an opportunity yet is not mapped.

For "increase habitat in existing greenspaces", STC note The Crouch, the Salts and the Martello Fields (including the pump field) have not been highlighted, these are all in STC ownership and some work has already been undertaken to improve these areas, however, there are still more opportunities, these also are some of the more significant green spaces in Seaford. Separate from STC's land, STC would like to comment that the North Brooks part of SSCP (north of the A259) feels like an area that has huge potential and has not been highlighted under wetlands and standing waterbodies or rivers streams etc. STC previously managed Seven Sisters Country Park and always thought there was a huge opportunity to improve this area.

# Your Involvement

Does the LNRS provide you with a better understanding of what we have to do to help nature in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove?

Tick ONE box only

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ Partially
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / Not sure

If you answered **No** or **Partially** above, what else would you want to know?

What one word below best describes how you feel about the LNRS for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove?

- ☐ Excited
- ☒ Interested
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Not interested
- ☐ Sceptical

Thinking about your answer to the question above, could you tell us a little more about why you feel that way?

Interested to know how we can continue to benefit from and support this strategy. Particularly interested how this will be used for BNG

If you are involved in nature recovery, do you think the strategy could help support funding, collaboration or the delivery of recovery projects?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Not sure/don't know

Which of the following actions are you likely to take in making the LNRS happen? (Tick any that apply)

Tick ONE box only

- ☐ Making my garden more wildlife friendly
- ☐ Supporting or volunteering with a nature-related community group
- ☐ Starting a community or nature related group if none exists
- ☐ Using the LNRS in my work
- ☒ Incorporating nature better on the land I own, manage or farm
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other (please specify)

If there is anything else you’d like to tell us, including anything you think we have missed or needs to be included in this LNRS, please let us know.

If you'd like to get a copy of your responses to this questionnaire, and other information about the strategy, please provide your email address below.

peter.cousin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Demographic questions

*This section asks for demographic information, such as age, gender and ethnicity, to help ensure we’re hearing from a cross-section of people from East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. You do not have to answer any questions that you don’t want to.*

What’s your age?

- ☐ 16-17
- ☐ 18-30
- ☐ 31-45
- ☐ 46-60
- ☐ 61-80
- ☐ 81 and over

n/a - Town Council



How would you describe your gender?

Tick ONE box only

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non binary
- ☐ Prefer to self describe – please specify

n/a - Town Council

What’s your ethnicity

Tick ONE box only

- ☐ White, White British
- ☐ Asian or British Asian
- ☐ Black, Black British, Caribbean or African
- ☐ Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other (please specify)

n/a - Town Council

Do you consider yourself to have a disability or health condition?

Tick ONE box only

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

n/a - Town Council

Thank you so much for taking the time to add your voice to the  
Local Nature Recovery Strategy for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove