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Local Nature Recovery Strategies

What are they and how will they work?



Local Nature Recovery Strategies: a new system of spatial strategies for nature

- New requirement in the Environment Bill
- Agree priorities for nature's recovery and wider environment
- Mapped proposals
- Cover the whole of England
- Locally-led
- Spatial framework for the Nature Recovery Network
- “Responsible Authorities” will lead their production



How does government intend LNRs to be used?

- A shared creation - encouraging local organisations and individuals interested in nature recovery to work together
- Guide mandatory biodiversity net gain investments. Uplift in biodiversity units created on sites identified by LNRs
- New NERC duty
- Channel investment into local priorities for protection and enhancement i.e. E.L.M.
- Planning White Paper: planning system will play a proactive role in environmental enhancement
- Help local planning authorities understand locations important for conserving and enhancing biodiversity.

LNRs will identify both nature and wider environmental priorities

- LNRs will identify areas of importance for biodiversity as well as other environmental benefits
- To better align efforts to address all environmental issues e.g.
 - Climate change mitigation through tree planting and peat restoration
 - Natural flood management
 - Improved water quality



The Environment Bill requires an LNRS to contain..

A Statement of Biodiversity Priorities:

- description of the strategy area and its biodiversity,
- opportunities and priorities for recovering or enhancing biodiversity,
- potential measures to address these

A Local Habitat Map:

- national conservation sites (e.g. SSSIs, SPAs etc), LNRs
- other areas which are, or could become, of particular importance for biodiversity
- Secretary of State must provide information to support LNRS creation

Regulations and guidance will enable the new system of LNRSs to be established

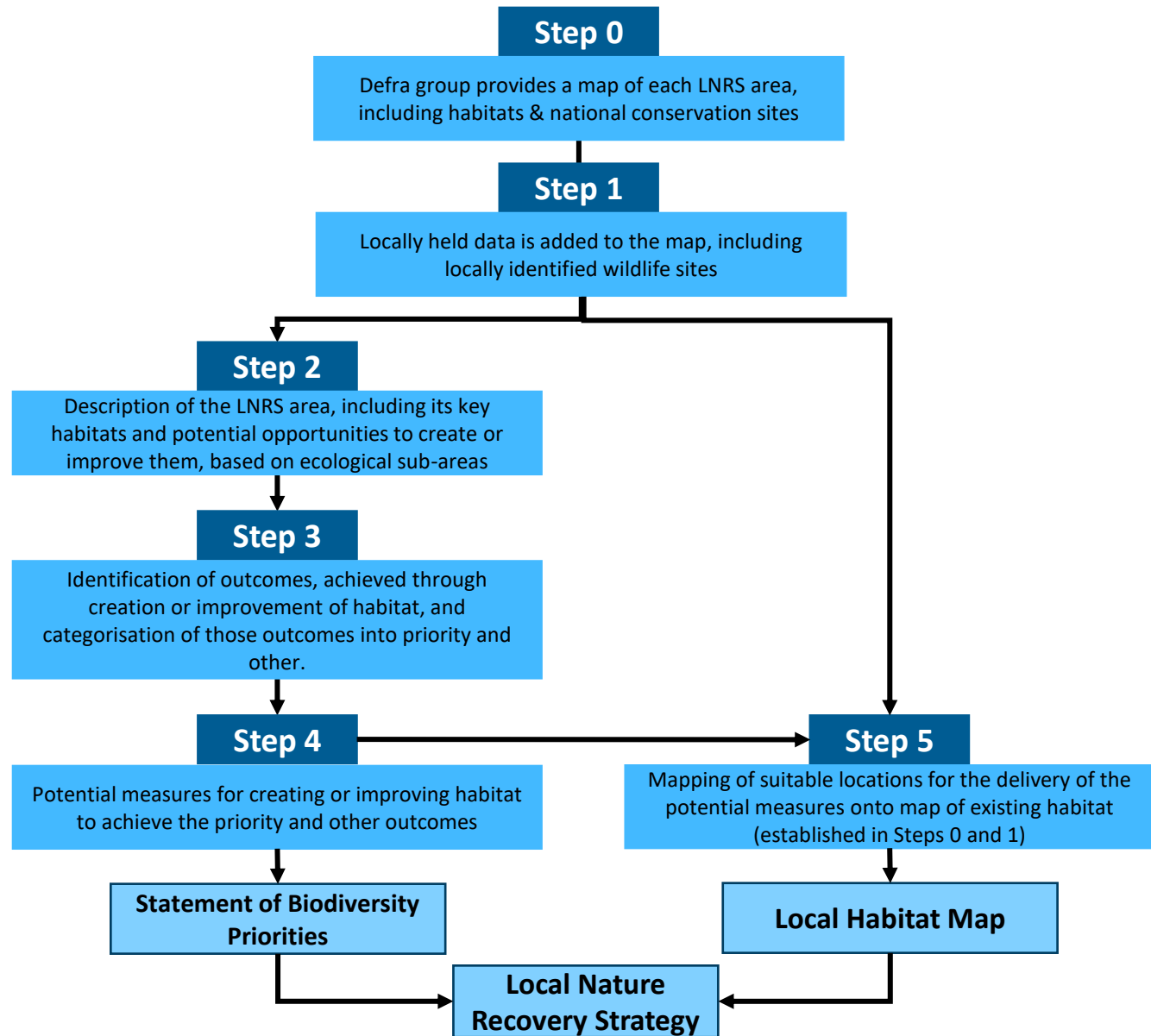
- **Regulations** - to specify the LNRS process
- **Statutory guidance** – to which RAs must have regard
- **Information-** that Secretary of State must provide
- **Non-statutory guidance** – to support the creation of the Nature Recovery Network, including LNRSs
- **Support from the Defra group** – Defra Arms Length Bodies, NE
- .. all put in place after the **Environment Bill** becomes law,
- may be subject to public consultation.



We are currently piloting LNRs in five areas of England

- Defra is working with Natural England and Local Authorities to pilot LNRs in five locations up until March 2021:
- Buckinghamshire, Cornwall, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Northumberland
- Differing geographies, landscapes, habitats and planning authorities
- Experience and lessons learned from the pilots will help develop our approach to rolling out LNRs nationwide.

The step-by- step LNRS pilot production process





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Thank you!

