
Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough



Relevant Legislation, Policy and Strategies

The following list of legislation, policies and strategies has been used to develop the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This includes a list of national and local policies and strategies, which have been used to underpin the development and provide a strong evidence base in identifying habitat and species priorities.

1. National Policy and Strategy

Policy and Strategies	Weblink
England Peat Action Plan	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6116353fe90e07054eb85d8b/england-peat-action-plan.pdf
Habitat Classification, UK Biodiversity Action Plan	https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/uk-bap-priority-habitats/#list-of-uk-bap-priority-habitats
IUCN Peatland Programme	https://www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/UK%20Peatland%20Strategy%202018_2040.pdf
Natural England Climate Change Adaptation Manual (NE751)	https://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5679197848862720
Natural England Environmental Benefits from Nature Tool (EBNT)	https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/GreenInfrastructure/EBNT.aspx
Natural England Green Infrastructure Framework	https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/GreenInfrastructure/Home.aspx
Natural England National Character Areas	https://nationalcharacterareas.co.uk/
RSPB Recovering Together	https://community.rspb.org.uk/cfs-file/_key/communityserver-blogs-components-weblogfiles/00-00-01-39-93/8540.5355.Recovering-together-report_5F00_nature-and-green-recovery_5F00_RSPB-YouGov_5F00_June-2020.pdf

UK Government A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5ab3a67840f0b65bb584297e/25-year-environment-plan.pdf
UK Government Biodiversity Net Gain	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/biodiversity-net-gain
UK Government England Trees Action Plan 2021 – 2024	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/987432/england-trees-action-plan.pdf
UK Government Environment Act 2021	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/30/introduction/enacted
UK Government Statutory Biodiversity Metric Tools and Guides	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statutory-biodiversity-metric-tools-and-guides

2. Local Policy and Strategy

Policy and Strategies	Weblink
Biodiversity Net Gain: East Cambridgeshire Interim Guidance	https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/BNG%20in%20East%20Cambridgeshire%20-%20interim%20guidance%20note.pdf
Cambridge City Council Biodiversity Strategy 2022 - 2030	https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/11066/biodiversity-strategy.pdf
Cambridge City Council Cambridge Landscape Character Assessment	https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/5751/cambridge-landscape-character-assessment-2003.pdf
Cambridge City Council Climate Change Strategy 2021	https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/9581/climate-change-strategy-2021-2026.pdf
Cambridge City Council Greater Cambridge Landscape Character Assessment	https://consultations.gretercambridgeplanning.org/sites/gcp/files/2021-08/LandscapeCharacterAssessment_GCLP_210831_Part_A.pdf
Cambridge City Council Parks and Open Spaces Biodiversity Toolkit	https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/9761/parks-and-open-spaces-biodiversity-toolkit.pdf

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Climate Action Plan 2022 – 2025	https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/documents/independent-commission-on-climate/CLIMATE-ACTION-PLAN.pdf
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Independent Commission on Climate	https://f.hubspotusercontent40.net/hubfs/6985942/FINAL%20CLIMATE%20REPORT%20LOW%20(002).pdf
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Parks Partnership Blueprint for a Strategic Green Network	https://cpparkspartnership.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/CP3_Blueprint-document-design_V6.pdf
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Parks Partnership Greenspace Stewardship Toolkit	https://cpparkspartnership.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/CP3-Greenspace-Stewardship-Toolkit.pdf
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Parks Partnership Natural Capital Assessment	https://cpparkspartnership.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Cambridgeshire-Peterborough-natural-capital-report.pdf
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Parks Partnership Open Space Mapping & Standards	https://cpparkspartnership.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/cambridgeshire-open-space-mapping-and-standards-technical.pdf
Cambridgeshire County Council Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2022	https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/part-1-climate-change-and-environment-strategy-2022.pdf
Cambridgeshire County Council Interim Tree and Woodland Strategy 2022	https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/Interim-Corporate-Tree-and-Woodland-Strategy-and-Action-Plan.pdf
Cambridgeshire County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan	https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/planning-and-development/planning-policy/adopted-minerals-and-waste-plan
Cambridgeshire County Council Plastic Strategy 2019	https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/cambridgeshire-plastic-strategy-20191.pdf

Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy	https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/2557/green-infrastructure-strategy.pdf
CamEO Catchment Management Plan 2024 – CamEO Action Plans	https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/c48caac0426d44968bb805fda9bae21b?item=4
East Cambridgeshire District Council Environment Plan	https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/ECDC%20EnvPlan%2022%20-%20Approved%2013%20June%202022%20AC%20checked.pdf
East Cambridgeshire District Council Natural Environment – Supplementary Planning Document	https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Natural%20Env%20SPD%20-%20Adoption%20versionAC_0.pdf
Fens for the Future	https://www.fensforthefuture.org.uk/admin/resources/downloads/fenland-ditches-biodiversity-june-2015.pdf
Forestry Commission – Peterborough Woods Forest Plan, 10-year review, 2016 – 2026	https://www.forestryengland.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Peterborough%20Woods%20Forest%20Plan.pdf
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning – Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document 2022	https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/media/2504/gcsp-biodiversity-spd-final-copy-march-2022-1.pdf
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning - Local Plan: Biodiversity and Green Spaces	https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/greater-cambridge-local-plan-first-proposals/explore-theme/biodiversity-and-green-spaces
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning - Local Plan: Climate Change	https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/greater-cambridge-local-plan-first-proposals/explore-theme/climate-change
Greater Cambridge Shared Planning - Local Plan: Green Infrastructure	https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/greater-cambridge-local-plan-first-proposals/explore-theme/biodiversity-and-green-spaces/policy-0
Habitat Classification, Cambridgeshire Biodiversity Action Plan	https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20110303153630/http://www.ukbap.org.uk/lbap.aspx?id=370

Huntingdonshire District Council Biodiversity for All	https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/environmental-issues/biodiversity-for-all/
Huntingdonshire District Council Climate Change and Action Plan	https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/6912/climate-strategy-action-plan.pdf
Huntingdonshire District Council – Huntingdonshire Landscape and Townscape Assessment	https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/1240/landscape-guide.pdf
Huntingdonshire District Council – Huntingdonshire Priority Natural Landscapes	https://democracy.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s135601/4.%20Huntingdonshire%20Priority%20Natural%20Landscapes%20Report.pdf
Huntingdonshire District Council Tree Strategy	https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/environmental-issues/climate-strategy/what-we-are-doing/
Internal Drainage Board Biodiversity Action Plan	https://www.ada.org.uk/downloads/IDB%20BAP%20Guidance.pdf
Internal Drainage Board Biodiversity Manual	https://middlelevel.gov.uk/conservation/idb-biodiversity-manual/
Natural Cambridgeshire – Developing with Nature Toolkit	https://naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/nc-developing-with-nature-toolkit.pdf
Natural Cambridgeshire – Doubling Nature: A Landscape-led Approach	https://naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/doubling-nature-landscape-led-approach.pdf
Natural Cambridgeshire – Doubling Nature Ambition	https://naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Doubling-Nature-L.R.pdf
Natural Cambridgeshire – Local Nature Recovery Toolkit	https://naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Doubling-Nature_Local-nature-recovery-toolkit.pdf
Ouse Washes Landscape Character Assessment	https://ousewasheslps.wordpress.com/tag/landscape-character-assessment/

Peterborough City Council Biodiversity Strategy and Supplementary Planning Document	https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/planning-and-development/conservation-trees-and-hedges/biodiversity-and-ecology/biodiversity-strategy-and-supplementary-planning-document
Peterborough City Council Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document	https://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/documents/s39150/9.%20Appendix%20A%20-%20Green%20Infrastructure%20and%20Biodiversity%20Supplementary%20Planning%20Document.pdf
Peterborough City Council Interim Biodiversity Net Gain Approach	https://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/documents/s48050/7.%20Interim%20Biodiversity%20Net%20Gain%20BNG%20Approach.pdf
Peterborough City Council Tree and Woodland Strategy 2018 – 2028 (amended November 2021)	https://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/documents/s36923/6.%20Appendix%20B%20-%20Peterborough%20City%20Councils%20Tree%20and%20Woodlands%20Strategy.pdf
Peterborough Woods Forest Plan	https://www.forestryengland.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Peterborough%20Woods%20Forest%20Plan_0.pdf
South Cambridgeshire District Council Doubling Nature Strategy 2021	https://www.scambs.gov.uk/media/16668/digital-final-doubling-nature-strategy.pdf
South Cambridgeshire District Council Greater Cambridge Landscape Character Assessment	https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/sites/gcp/files/2021-08/LandscapeCharacterAssessment_GCLP_210831_Part_A.pdf
Thriplow & Heathfield Parish Character Assessment	https://www.thriplowheathfieldnp.org/uploads/7/5/6/3/75633463/thriplow_parish_local_character_020220.pdf
Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire: Cambridge Nature Network 2021	https://www.wildlifebcn.org/sites/default/files/2021-05/CambridgeNatureNetworkStage3ReportFINAL%28lowres%29_0.pdf

Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire: Interim Nature Recovery Network for East Cambridgeshire	https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/East%20Cambs%20NRN%20-%20Final%20-%20Aug2022%20-%20low%20res.pdf
Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire: Interim Nature Recovery Network for Fenland	https://fenland.gov.uk/media/20450/Fenland-Interim-Nature-Recovery-Network-Final-July-2023/pdf/Fenland Interim Nature Recovery Network Final - July 2023.pdf?m=1699609185110

The Environment Act 2021 aims to improve air and water quality, protect wildlife, increase recycling and reduce plastic waste. In association, the Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP) 2023 sets legally binding targets to drive forward action to tackle climate change, clean our air and rivers, and boost nature.

Table A.1 sets out how this LNRS should address each of the following national targets set out under the Environment Act 2021.

Table A.1 How LNRS can contribute towards National targets

Objective	How LNRSs can contribute
Biodiversity on land - Restore or create in excess of 500,000 hectares of a range of wildlife-rich habitat outside protected sites by 2042, compared to 2022 levels.	The purpose of LNRSs is to identify opportunities to create or improve habitat in locations where it would have the greatest benefit to biodiversity and the wider environment.
Biodiversity on land – Halt the decline of species abundance by 2030. Ensure that species abundance in 2042 is greater than in 2022, and at least 10% greater than 2030.	All actions proposed in every LNRS should be designed to make a positive contribution to biodiversity, including species abundance, considering their habitat and connectivity requirements.
Biodiversity on land - reduce the risk of species' extinction by 2042, when compared to the risk of species' extinction in 2022.	All LNRSs should include targeted habitat creation or improvement to support the recovery of the most threatened and near threatened species which are present.

Woodland cover - Increase total tree and woodland cover from 14.5% of land area now to 16.5% by 2050	All LNRs should seek to identify opportunities for new areas of woodland, expand existing areas of woodland and trees outside of woodland where this will benefit biodiversity and other environmental outcomes.
Improve water quality and availability - Reduce nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and sediment pollution from agriculture into the water environment by at least 40% by 2038, compared to a 2018 baseline.	All LNRs should seek to make a positive contribution to the water environment, including by limiting or mitigating nutrient and sediment pollution from agriculture, through the creation or improvement of habitat. For example, through creation of habitat along water courses to reduce the inflow of surface water carrying agricultural pollutants whilst also acting as wildlife corridors.

Key addition relevant commitments from the EIP 2023 that are of particular relevance to Cambridgeshire are set out in Table A.2.

Table A.2 Key additional relevant commitment from the Environmental Improvement Plan 2023

Objective	How LNRs can contribute
Work to ensure that everyone in England lives within 15 minutes' walk of a green or blue space	All LNRs should look for opportunities to contribute to improving public access when proposing actions to enhance biodiversity. This includes actively seeking to target actions and areas for nature recovery in Green Belts and other suitable areas near to people's homes (See paras 56 & 83 of the statutory guidance).
Restore approximately 280,000 hectares of peatland in England by 2050	All LNRs in suitable upland and lowland parts of England should seek to identify locations for peat restoration and appropriate management.
Restore 75% of our water bodies to good ecological status	All LNRs will identify opportunities to create and improve wildlife-rich habitat which could, where protection or agreements for ongoing management are in place, contribute to meeting the 30by30 goal.

Make sure LNRs include proposals for Nature-based Solutions which improve flood risk management where appropriate

All LNRs should seek to identify opportunities and suitable locations for undertaking natural flood management through the creation or improvement of habitat for biodiversity.