

14th June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

re: Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) Supporting Authority Consultation

I am writing in preparation for the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) Public Consultation that is planned to take place from 29th July 2024 to 23rd September 2024.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) are an England-wide system of spatial strategies that will establish priorities and map proposals for specific actions to drive nature's recovery and provide wider environmental benefits for people, nature, climate adaptation and mitigation and eco-systems. LNRSs are a statutory requirement designed as tools to drive more coordinated, practical, and focussed action to help drive nature recovery. The LNRS area for Greater Essex covers the administrative boundaries of ECC, Southend City Council and Thurrock Council.

As you know, we have worked with all local planning authorities in the area and Natural England (as Supporting Authorities) throughout the preparation of the draft LNRS. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your input and support preparing this draft LNRS.

Regulation 7 of The Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023 requires Responsible Authorities to provide all Supporting Authorities for the Local Nature Recovery Strategy with the draft strategy it considers ready to consult on under regulation 12 ("the consultation draft") and request their comments. **We would like to consult for 28 days (17th June to 15th July), prior to public consultation, to receive your approval to launch public consultation of the draft LNRS.**

A copy of The Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023 can be found [here](#). Regulation 7 to 11 are relevant to the pre-public consultation process.

We would be grateful if you could review the strategy and return the attached response letter with your reply. Could you please send us your signed response by **15th July 2024**?

Thank you in advance, we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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