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Submitted via email:

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Dear Helena,

Tendring District Council's response to consultation on the Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

Tendring District Council (TDC) is supportive of the aims and objectives set out in the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), the preparation of which Officers of this Council have had an input. The LNRS is a comprehensive document that has been thoroughly researched and well put together.

TDC acknowledges that the Local Nature Recovery Strategy requires a multiagency approach that will involve resourcing and capacity from each agency. The Tendring Local Plan is currently under review and the Council will be including references to the LNRS in relevant policies to ensure the Local Plan supports the delivery of its aims and objectives and increases stakeholder awareness of the strategy and how individual residents, businesses and other bodies can assist to implement it.

This Council is keen to collaborate with agencies who can deliver certain projects as well as working closely with the LNRS team within Essex County Council where appropriate. Section 6.8 Coastal and Marine of the strategy is a case in point, with Tendring having a substantial coastline. There are limitations to the Council's capacity and resources to deliver coastal nature projects alone, but in partnership with, or with support from the RSPB, Essex Wildlife Trust and the Wildlife and Wetland Trust, it would be possible to achieve positive outcomes based on the actions set out in the LNRS.

TDC welcomes the recognition within the LNRS of the important role the natural environment has to play in supporting our residents to lead active, healthy lives. TDC supports the creation of community gardens and allotments in appropriate locations so

communities can, in partnership with other agencies, have access to and benefit from productive green infrastructure.

We have noted some important potential partners missing from the list within the LNRS such as Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape, the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust and Bird Aware Essex. TDC would like confirmation that both Dedham Vale and the Suffolk & Essex Coast and Heaths National Landscape have been consulted on the LNRS.

There are certain sections of the LNRS where, like many local authorities, TDC does not have dedicated in house expertise and as such specific comments are not given – this is indicated in the response.

The following helpfully sets out, from the LNRS, the actions for local authorities:

▼ [Actions for Local Authorities](#)

- *Prioritise sites identified in opportunity maps for green space delivery and Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) off-site delivery.*
- *Embed the goals and objectives of the LNRS into planning policies and guidance documents, including local plans and action plans, to ensure that development decisions prioritise biodiversity, habitat restoration and green space provision.*
- *Promote the use of nature-based solutions, such as green roofs, urban greening, green corridors, and sustainable urban drainage systems in new development projects, to enhance biodiversity, mitigate climate change impacts and improve quality of life for residents.*
- *Collaborate with developers, landowners, community groups, environmental organisations and other stakeholders to raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity, facilitate dialogue on nature recovery priorities, and encourage participation in nature recovery initiatives.*
- *Identify council-owned land highlighted in the strategy for conversion into nature recovery locations/habitat creation or enhancement.*
- *Establish mechanisms for monitoring and reporting on the implementation and effectiveness of nature recovery actions outlined in the strategy, tracking progress towards biodiversity targets.*

The Council acknowledges and supports these actions and is already making progress in some of these areas. The Council has developed a BNG policy that makes specific reference to the opportunity maps contained within the LNRS; and will further incorporate support for nature-based solutions into its policies through the forthcoming Local Plan review. The Council is also in the process of assessing its own land for its potential biodiversity value and suitability for habitat creation and enhancement.

We support increases in urban tree planting both aesthetically and as a measure to tackle climate change and we also support the aims to encourage local communities to engage in restoring nature sites locally, and acknowledge the importance of access to the natural environment in helping our residents to lead healthier lives along with the creation of community gardens, allotments and green infrastructure within our urban areas.

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