

# Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

## Local Habitat Map User Guide

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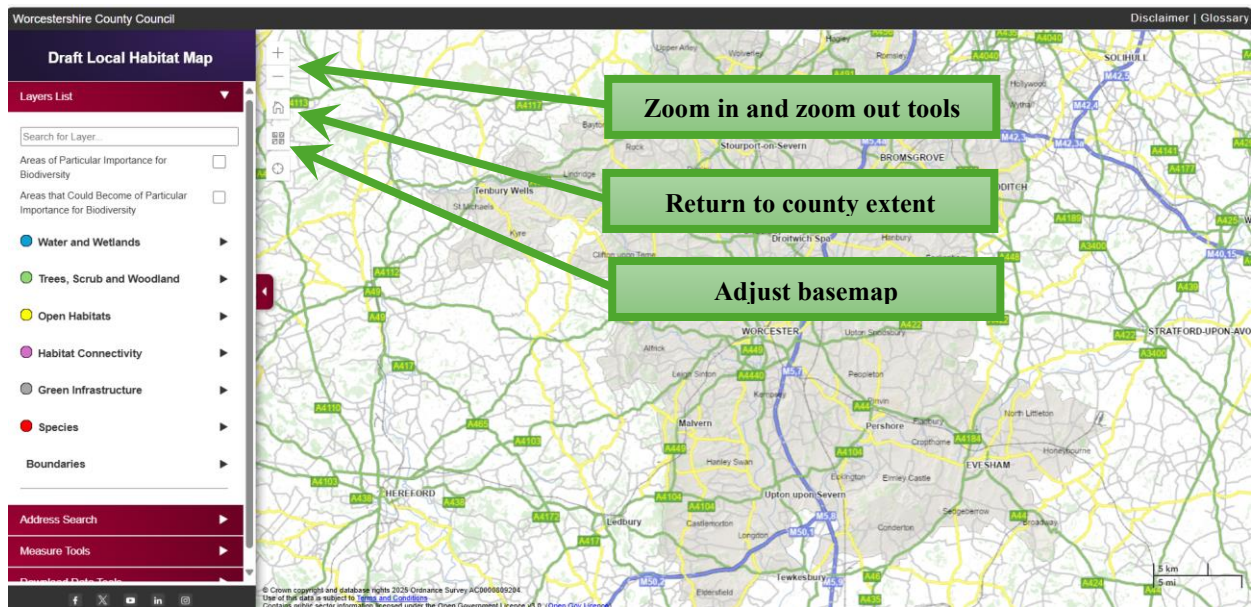
**This is the user guide for Worcestershire's Draft LNRS Local Habitat Map.**

The purpose of the Local Habitat Map (LHM) is to identify and visually represent areas that are important for biodiversity and nature recovery within Worcestershire. The LHM guides strategic targeting of nature recovery actions and prioritises areas for habitat creation and enhancement. This map helps in understanding where best to focus our efforts to improve ecological networks and benefit both biodiversity and the wider environment

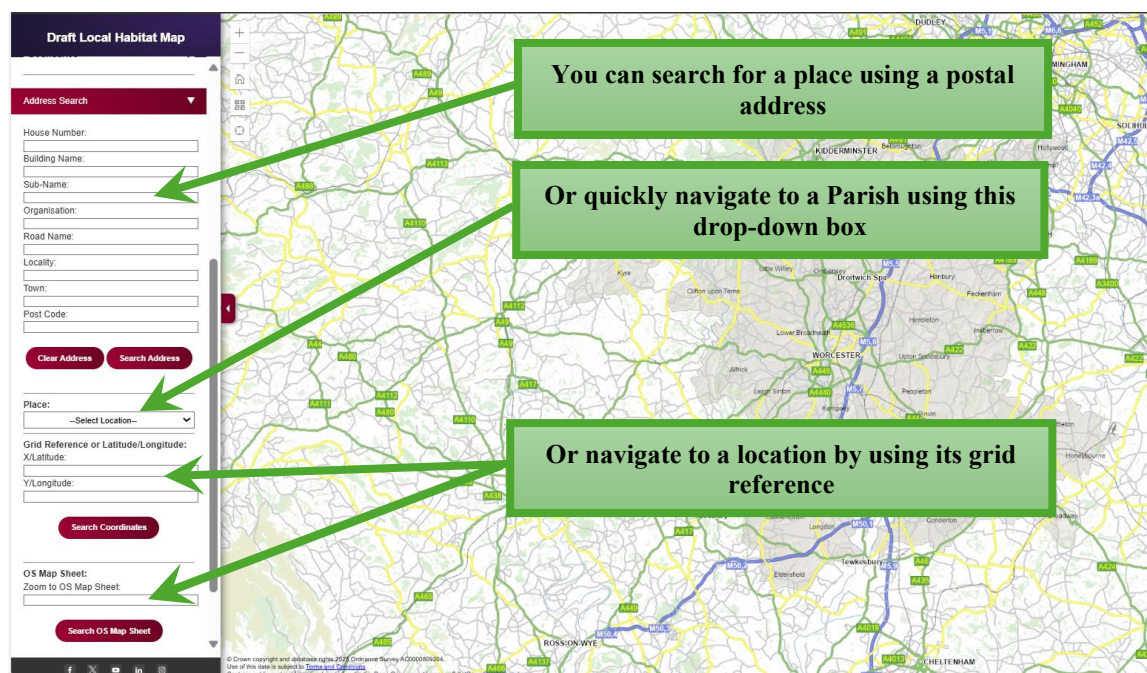
### Navigating the Local Habitat Map

Key navigation features include the zoom-in and zoom-out buttons. You can also use the mouse wheel, double-click or pinch-to-zoom, depending on your device, and you can use your mouse to drag, pan, and explore Worcestershire.

You can change the base map and use the 'home' button to zoom back out to the full county boundary extent.

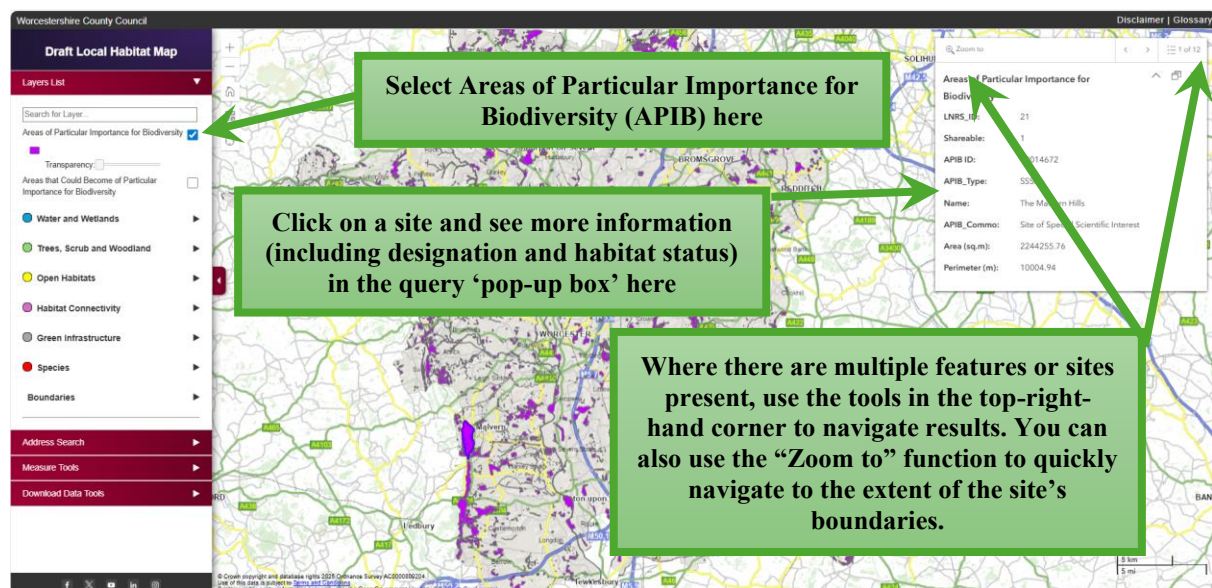


You can also search for a location using Address, the drop down menu for parish or you can use grid reference.



## Exploring the Areas of Particular Importance for Biodiversity (APIBs)

The Areas of Particular Importance for Biodiversity (“APIBs”) are the core sites within Worcestershire's existing nature network. They consist of statutory and locally designated sites of importance for nature conservation, as well as Irreplaceable Habitats (as defined by legislation: [www.gov.uk/guidance/irreplaceable-habitats](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/irreplaceable-habitats)). You can click on a site to find out more about it and adjust the transparency of the layer using the slider if necessary.

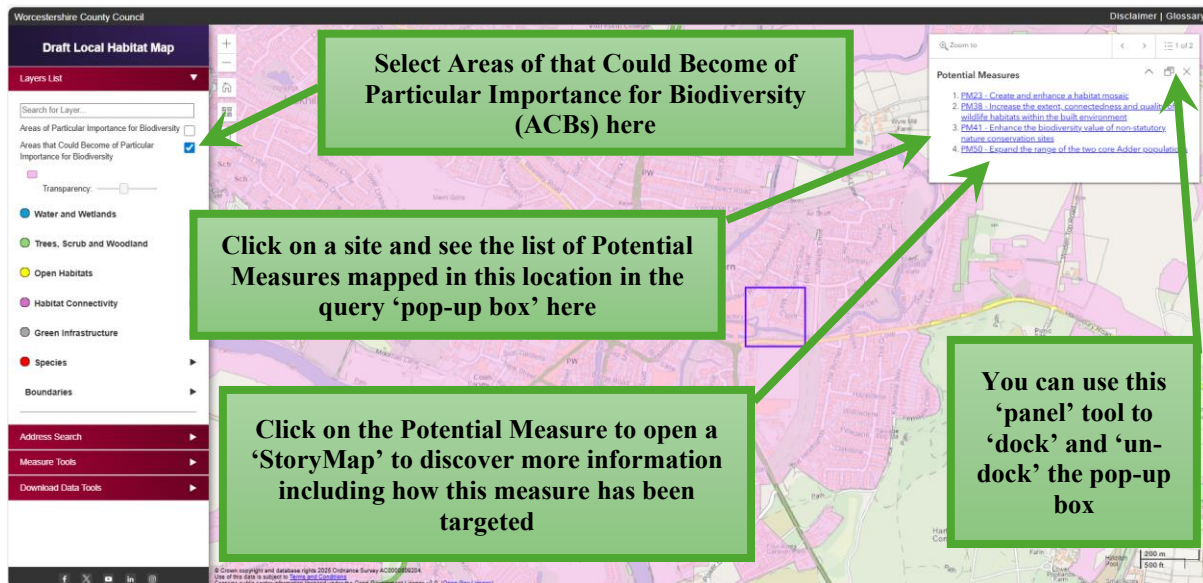


## Exploring the Areas that Could Become of Particular Importance to Biodiversity (ACBs)

The areas that could become of particular importance for biodiversity are all of the locations covered by mapped Potential Measures. Potential Measures are entirely voluntary; the LNRS provides guidance on where efforts can best achieve nature’s recovery, but do not constraint land-use or present any new form of nature conservation designation.

Navigating to a site and clicking on it will create a query pop-up box containing all the Potential Measures mapped at that location. An example site query is illustrated below.

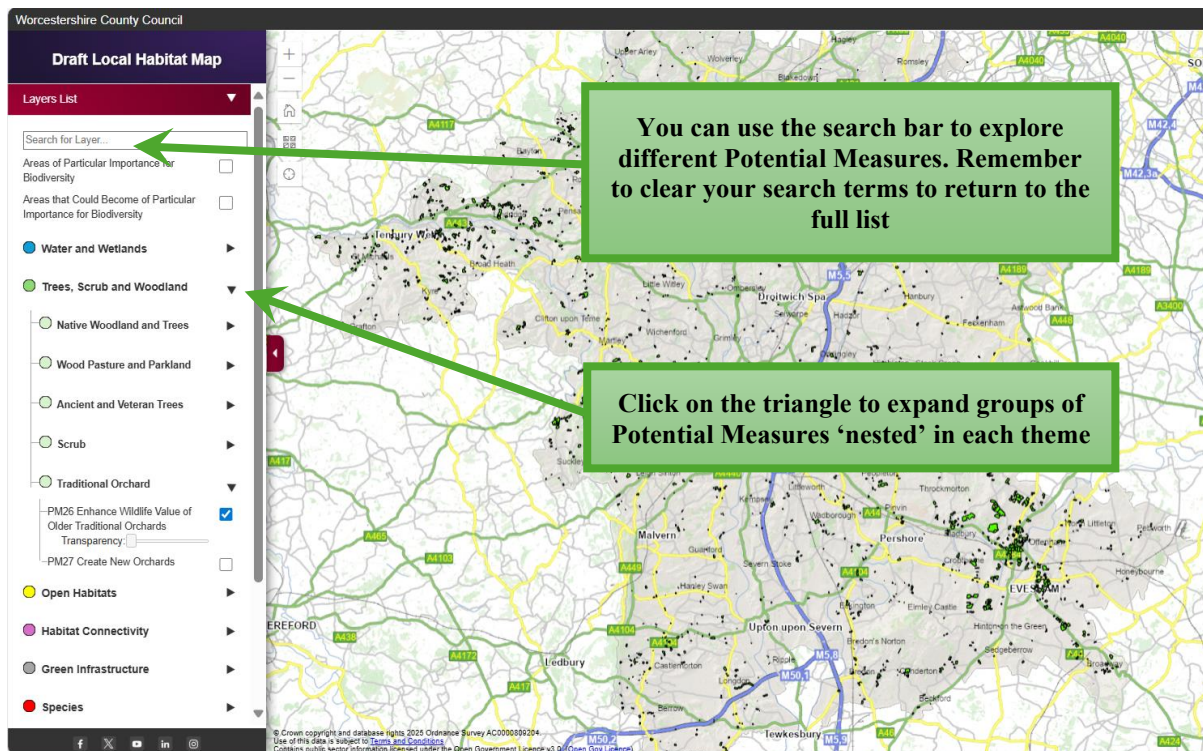




## Exploring the Mapped Measures

All of the mapped Potential Measures are arranged in a colour coded drop down menu. For example, we can open the Tree, Scrub and Woodland theme, open the Traditional Orchard priority and then toggle on and off the Potential Measures. The search bar can also be used to 'filter' a Potential Measure using keywords of numbers (for example, entering the terms **"traditional"** or **"26"** in the search box will return Traditional Orchard Potential Measure 26, under the search bar.

Each Potential Measure layer also has a transparency slider.



## Responding to the Draft LNRS Consultation

You can respond to the public consultation using the Local Habitat Map. Click on a location to bring up information about a Potential Measure on that specific site. An example site and Potential measure is illustrated below:

The screenshot shows the 'Draft Local Habitat Map' interface for Worcestershire County Council. On the left is a 'Layers List' with categories like 'Areas of Particular Importance for Biodiversity', 'Habitat Connectivity', 'Local Sites Network', 'Strategic Nature Conservation', 'Road Verge Management', 'Green Infrastructure', and 'Boundaries'. A specific layer, 'PM41 Enhance the Biodiversity Value of Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites', is selected. The main area is a map with various colored overlays. A green callout box points to the 'Layers List' with the text: 'Having identified which Potential Measures have been mapped to a site, select only the Potential Measure you'd like to provide feedback on'. Another green callout box points to a specific location on the map with the text: 'Clicking on a site will return the query pop-up box with more information about this Potential Measure. Here you can see a link to a StoryMap with more information about the measure, a brief description, a list of Wider Environmental Benefits associated with measure delivery and information supporting Biodiversity Net Gain calculations.' A third green callout box points to a 'Take Survey' button in the pop-up window with the text: 'Click on Take Survey to provide feedback about this Measure and location'. The pop-up window itself displays details for 'PM41 Enhance the Biodiversity Value of Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites', including a location ID, measure number, name, description, and a 'Take Survey' button.

**Having identified which Potential Measures have been mapped to a site, select only the Potential Measure you'd like to provide feedback on**


**Clicking on a site will return the query pop-up box with more information about this Potential Measure. Here you can see a link to a StoryMap with more information about the measure, a brief description, a list of Wider Environmental Benefits associated with measure delivery and information supporting Biodiversity Net Gain calculations.**

**Click on Take Survey to provide feedback about this Measure and location**

A specific location does need to be selected, both to generate the 'Take Survey' link and also so that consultation feedback can be spatially located to inform the Final LNRS's Local Habitat Map.

Clicking on 'Take Survey' will open a new tab with a form to be completed. Note some lines will be automatically populated based on the Potential Measure and location that have been selected: only the questions below will need to be completed to tell us more about whether this Potential Measure has been correctly mapped in this location, or whether a different Potential Measure should be mapped here instead.

Local Habitat Map Survey

**worcestershire**  
county council

How we will use the information you provide

By completing this voluntary survey you agree to your responses being collated, processed and analysed by Worcestershire County Council. The information you provide will be used only to inform the spatial targeting of the potential measures.

All information provided will be treated as private and confidential and held in accordance with United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation (UKGDPR). Further information on the Council's GDPR and privacy policies can be found here: [Worcestershire County Council | full privacy notice \(opens in new window\)](#).

Where your responses are used to summarise evidence, such summaries will never contain your name or anything that could identify you unless you give us permission to do so.

Potential Measure layer:

PM41 Enhance the Biodiversity Value of Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites

Location ID:

19433

Potential Measure name:

Enhance the biodiversity value of non-statutory nature conservation sites

Are the existing Potential Measures shown mapped to right location?

**A Local Habitat Map questionnaire will open in a new tab**

**These lines will not need editing and are needed to help us analyse consultation feedback**

**Scroll further down to see questions about this location and Potential Measure**

## Other Local Habitat Map features

Other features of the map include the measure tool so you can measure distance or area.

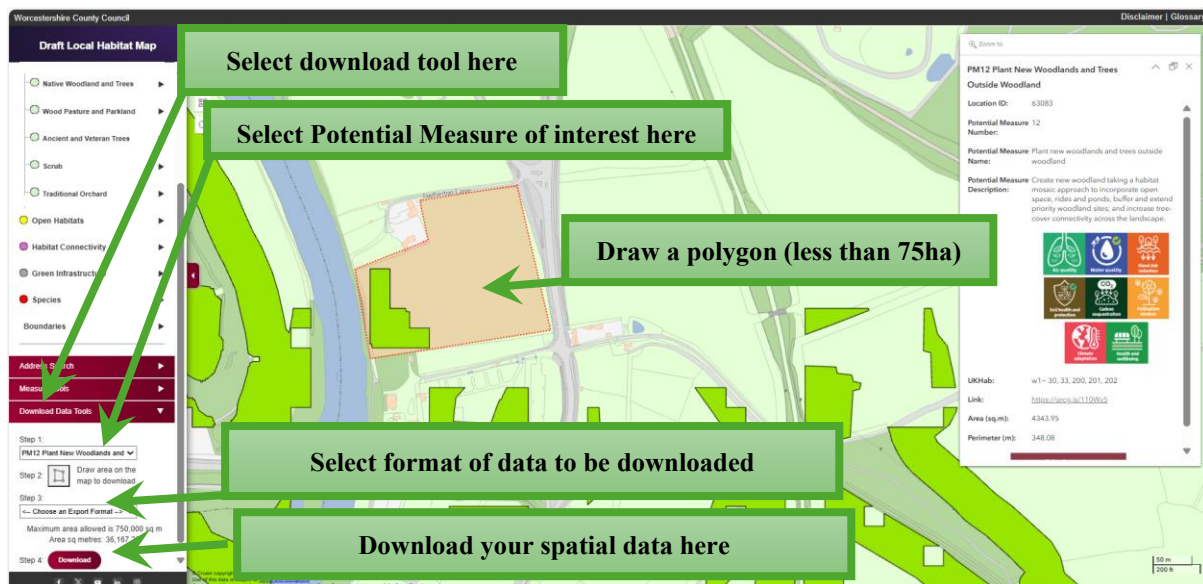


A download tool allows the download of many LHM datasets and provides the spatial geometry of individual mapped Potential Measures.

Zoom in to a specific site, select the Download Data tool and use the drop-down ('Step 1') to select a layer to download. In Step 2, draw a polygon capturing your area of interest inside the Local Habitat Map. The Polygon must be sized below 750,000 square metres (75 hectares). In the final step ('Step 3') you can select the format of choice for data to be downloaded.

In the example below, Potential Measure 12 is selected and the Download Tool will provide the spatial geometry of the mapped measure in the area drawn:





Terms of Use of some datasets provided to LNRS Responsible Authorities prevent their inclusion in this download tool. For further information users should contact:

- National Ancient Tree Inventory ('ATI')

Contact The Woodland Trust at [ancienttreeinventory@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:ancienttreeinventory@woodlandtrust.org.uk).

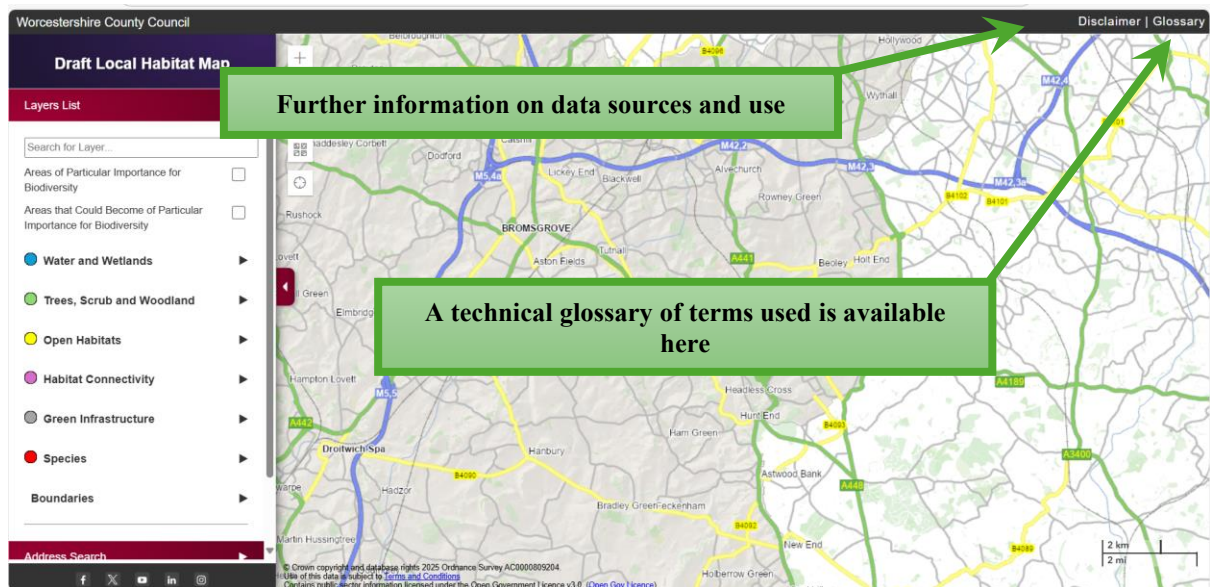
- Worcestershire's Ancient Tree Inventory ('ATI'), Ancient Woodland Catalogue ('AWC'), Protected Species data and Designated Site citations:

Contact Worcestershire Biological Records Centre at [records@wbrc.org.uk](mailto:records@wbrc.org.uk)

## Further information

More information is available in the Local Habitat Map's Disclaimer box and Glossary, available in the top-right-hand corner of the map:





Please do respond to the public consultation and give us feedback on the content and functionality of the Local Habitat Map. With your help we can make Worcestershire's LNRS and Local Habitat Map effective tools for nature's recovery.

Thank You