# New Forest National Park Delivering Government Priorities

## Background

This document summarises the direct links between the objectives we are working towards within the New Forest National Park and key UK government priorities such as the 5 Missions and the Protected Landscapes Targets and Outcomes Framework from the Environmental Improvement Plan 2023.

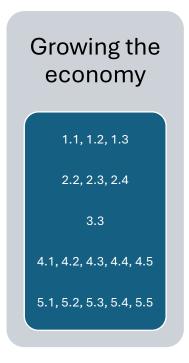
## **New Forest National Park Action**

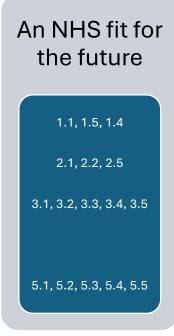
**Our vision:** The vision for the New Forest is to be a national beacon for a sustainable future, where nature and people flourish.

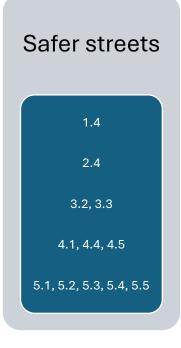
	beacon for a susta	ainable future, where nature a	nd people flourish.	
1: Net Zero with Nature	2: Nature Recovery	3: Inclusive Forest	4: Thriving Forest	5: Team New Forest
1.1 Establish baseline data & evidence	2.1 Make more space for nature	3.1 Promote health & wellbeing	4.1 Increase green skills & jobs	5.1 Wide ranging & inclusive
1.2 Implement nature- based solutions	2.2 Enhance natural capital	3.2 Connect people with nature & landscape	4.2 Support sustainable land management	5.2 Partnerships & relationships
1.3 Support net-zero economy	2.3 Harness ELM	3.3 Leadership in inclusive place-making	4.3 Champion New Forest Commoning	5.3 Leading & influencing
1.4 Activate community climate action	2.4 Harness opportunities through development	3.4 Celebrate natural beauty	4.4 Support business & green tourism	5.4 Innovating
1.5 Increase sustainable travel	2.5 Mitigate recreational pressure	3.5 Safeguard cultural heritage	4.5 Increase availability of affordable housing	5.5 Centre of excellence

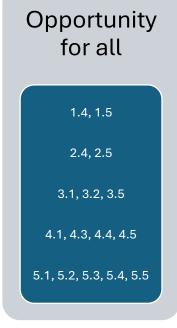
## **UK Government 5 Key Missions**

<u>UK Government Plan for Change</u> sets out 5 key missions. Here we illustrate how Re:New Forest, the New Forest National Park Partnership Plan objectives (referenced above), will support the delivery of these missions. The New Forest National Park Partnership Plan chapters closely reflect the priorities the Government has given nationally protected landscapes. The Plan illustrates how – working together under the Section 245 'duty to seek to further' – relevant bodies in the New Forest are delivering against these important national objectives.











## **Protected Landscapes Targets & Outcomes Framework**

In January 2024 the Government announced the Protected Landscapes Targets and Outcomes Framework. This provided more detail on how Government expects Protected Landscapes to achieve 3 goals of the Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP) 2023:

Goal 1: Thriving plants and wildlife

Goal 7: Mitigating and adapting to climate change

Goal 10: Enhancing beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment

The framework provides a mechanism for measuring progress and delivery towards the outcomes.

The targets are for the Protected Landscapes as places (the geographic area covered by the designation). Action will be coordinated by Protected Landscape bodies through their statutory management plan. It will be the responsibility of all stakeholders, partners and land managers in the area to support their delivery.

Some targets are action focused, while others set a clear numerical area target for individual Protected Landscapes to contribute to the national targets.

Targets and Outcomes – for the 44 Protected Landscapes as a collective

### **Thriving Plants & Wildlife**

- Restore or create more than 250,000 hectares of a range of wildlife-rich habitats within Protected Landscapes, outside protected sites by 2042 (from a 2022 baseline).
- Bring 80% of SSSIs within Protected Landscapes into favourable condition by 2042.
- For 60% of SSSIs within Protected Landscapes assessed as having 'actions on track' to achieve favourable condition by 31 January 2028.
- Continuing favourable management of all existing priority habitat already in favourable condition outside of SSSIs (from a 2022 baseline) and increasing to include all newly restored or created habitat through agri-environment schemes by 2042.

Ensuring at least 65% to 80% of land managers adopt nature friendly farming on at least 10% to 15% of their land by 2030.

#### Mitigating and adapting to climate change targets

- Reduce net greenhouse gas emissions in Protected Landscapes to net zero by 2050 relative to 1990 levels.
- Restore approximately 130,000 hectares of peat in Protected Landscapes by 2050.
- Increase tree canopy and woodland cover (combined) by 3% of total land area in Protected Landscapes by 2050 (from 2022 baseline).

### Enhancing beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment targets

- Improve and promote accessibility to and engagement with Protected Landscapes for all using existing metrics in our Access for All programme.
- · Decrease number of heritage assets 'At Risk'
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- Decrease the number of nationally designated heritage assets at risk in Protected Landscapes.

#### Indicators and New Forest National Park Baseline Data

The targets above will be measured using the following indicators, shown here alongside available baseline data for the New Forest National Park.

Thriving Plants & Wildlife Indicators	NFNP	PLTOF NFNP	Target Date	Principally delivered
	Current	Target		through
Extent of wildlife rich habitat created or restored within Protected Landscapes, outside of protected sites	Apportioned	l target, see belo	DW	1.2, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4,
Percentage of SSSIs within Protected Landscapes in favourable condition	24.2%	80%	2042	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5
Percentage of SSSIs within Protected Landscapes assessed as having 'actions on track' to achieve favourable condition	10.6%	60%	2028	
Extent of priority habitat within Protected Landscapes, outside of protected sites, in favourable management through agrienvironment	Unknown	Increase	2042	
Percentage of land managers adopting nature-friendly farming on a percentage of their land	57%	65%	2030	

3		PLTOF NFNP Target		Principally delivered through
Net greenhouse gas emissions within Protected Landscapes (territorial emissions reported through DESNZ)	225,733 TCO <sub>2</sub> e/yr	0 TCO2e/yr		1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4,
Extent of peat under restoration in Protected Landscapes	Apportioned target, see below			

Extent of tree canopy and woodland cover in Protected	36%	To be	2050	3.5,
Landscapes		apportioned,		12 11 15
		please see		4.2, 4.4, 4.5,
		below		5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5

Enhancing beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural	NFNP	PLTOF NFNP	Target Date	Principally delivered
environment Indicators	Current	Target		through
Metres of accessible path as a percentage of total path	Unknown <sup>1</sup>	Increase	2042	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5,
Number of accessible toilets and rest stops	TBC	Increase	2042	2.1, 2.2, 2.5,
Number of disability accessible parking spaces	TBC	Increase	2042	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5,
Number of accessible gates and gaps	5 (New, installed 2024/25)	Increase	2042	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5
Number of visits and volunteer days facilitated by new equipment	1,000 PEDALL visits <sup>2</sup>	Increase	2042	
Number of schools engaged (primary and secondary) both inside and outside the Protected Landscape boundary	3,900 <sup>3</sup> (no. of young people)	Increase	2042	

<sup>1 300</sup>m of new accessible path installed at Knightwood Oak, funded via Access for All (2024/25)

<sup>2</sup> Access for All Funding enabled purchase of inclusive cycle equipment that has boosted visits by 20% (1000 extra rides) and volunteering by a similar amount (2024/25)

<sup>3</sup> Numbers are young people not schools, boosted by Generation Green 2 project

Number of volunteer days	1,222	Increase	2042
	(2024/25)		
Number of accessible or easy access routes for which wayfinding	2 (2024/25)	Increase	2042
has been created or improved			
Deligios in place to engure Protected Landscapes are taking	New Forest \	Voices <sup>4</sup>	
Policies in place to ensure Protected Landscapes are taking	new Forest	voices	
positive action to widen the diversity of their staff, boards and			
volunteers			
Scheduled monuments 'At Risk'	4	<4	2042
Registered parks and gardens 'At Risk'	0	0	2042
Registered battlefields 'At Risk'	0	0	2042
Listed buildings (grade I or II*) 'At Risk'	1	0	2042
Protected wreck sites 'At Risk'	0	0	2042
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<sup>4</sup> Extensive EDI work under our New Forest Voices programme incorporating 3 workstreams: Understanding, Experience and Ways of working.