



Department
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The 25 Year Environment Plan



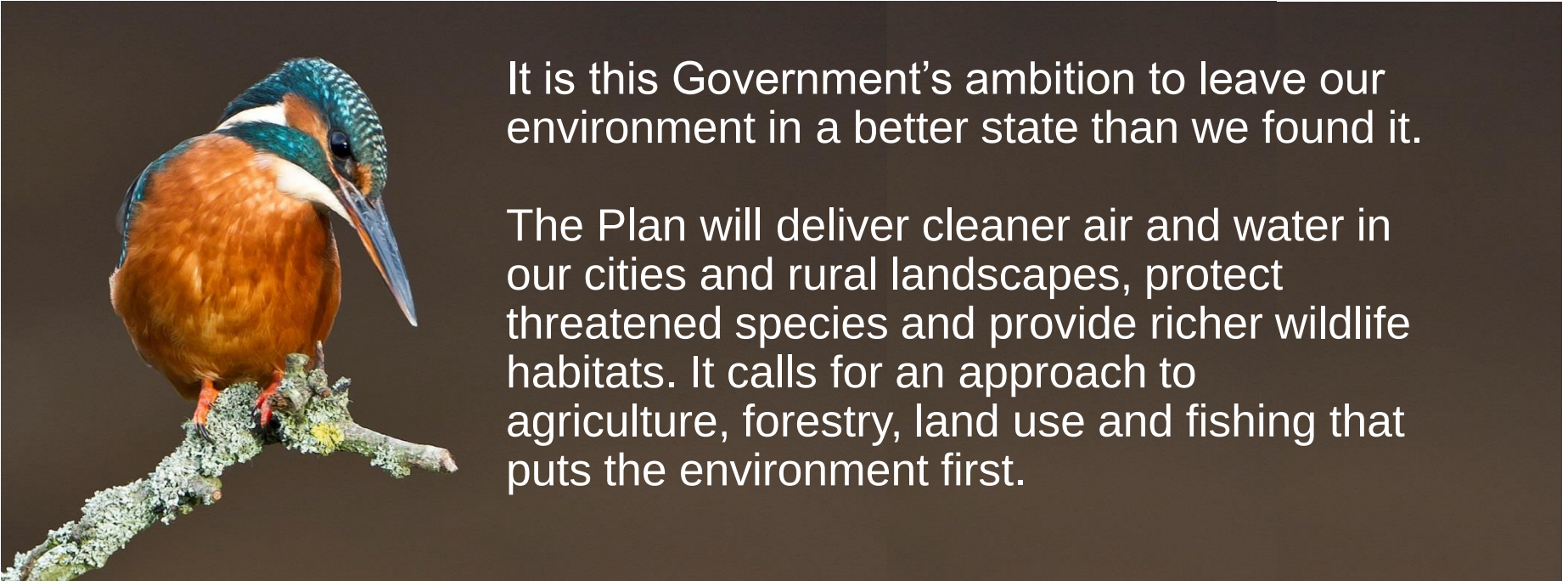
The Plan is launched



“The environment is something personal to each of us, but it is also something which collectively we hold in trust for the next generation. And we have a responsibility to protect and enhance it”

Theresa May, 11 January 2018

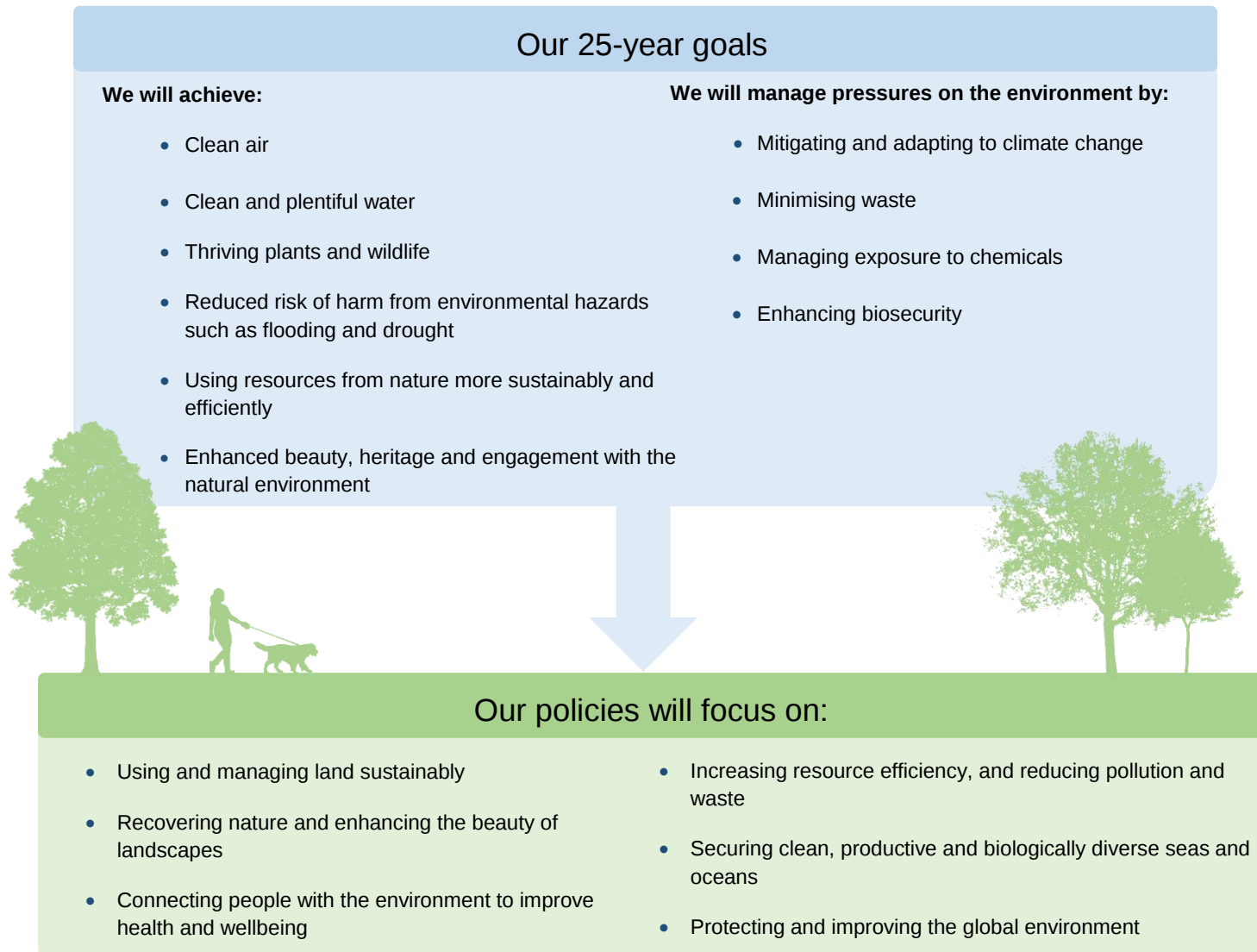
Our vision



It is this Government's ambition to leave our environment in a better state than we found it.

The Plan will deliver cleaner air and water in our cities and rural landscapes, protect threatened species and provide richer wildlife habitats. It calls for an approach to agriculture, forestry, land use and fishing that puts the environment first.

From goals to actions...



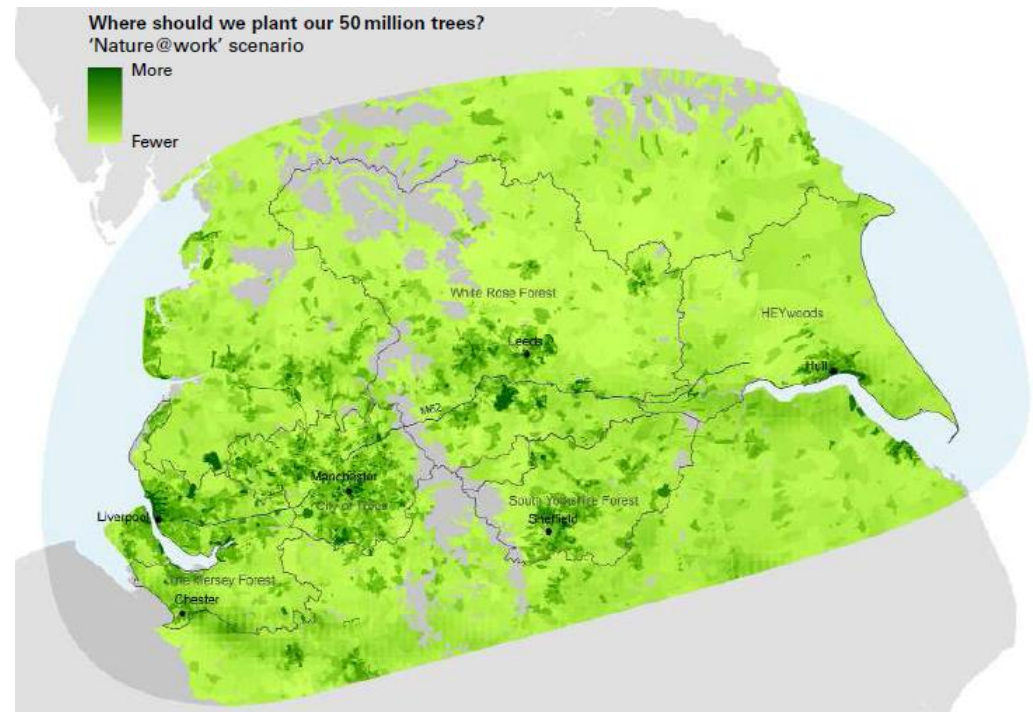
Six key areas around which action will be focused

- Using and managing land sustainably (chapter 1).
- Recovering nature and enhancing the beauty of landscapes (chapter 2).
- Connecting people with the environment to improve health and wellbeing (chapter 3).
- Increasing resource efficiency, and reducing pollution and waste (chapter 4).
- Securing clean, productive and biologically diverse seas and oceans (chapter 5).
- Protecting and improving the global environment (chapter 6)

1. Using and managing land sustainably

We will:

- Embed an **'environmental net gain'** principle for development, including housing and infrastructure
- Improve how we manage and incentivise land management including designing and delivering a **new environmental land management system**, introducing **new farming rules for water**, working with farmers to **use fertilisers efficiently** and protecting crops while **reducing the environmental impact of pesticides**
- Improve soil health by developing **better information on soil health**, restoring and protecting our peatlands by **restoring vulnerable peatlands** and **ending peat use in horticultural products by 2030**.
- Reduce risks from flooding and coastal erosion by expanding the use of **natural flood management solutions**, putting in place more **sustainable drainage systems** and making 'at-risk' properties **more resilient to flooding**



2. Recovering nature and enhancing the beauty of landscapes

We will:

- Protect and recover nature by **publishing a strategy for nature**, developing a **Nature Recovery Network**, providing opportunities for the **reintroduction of native species**, exploring how to give individuals the chance to deliver **lasting conservation** and **improving biosecurity** to protect and conserve nature
- Conserve and enhance natural beauty by **reviewing National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty**
- Respect nature in how we use water by reforming our approach to water abstraction and increasing water supply and incentivising greater water efficiency and less personal use



3. Connecting people with the environment to improve health and wellbeing

We will:



- Help people improve their health and wellbeing using green spaces by considering how **environmental therapies** could be delivered through mental health services and **promoting health and wellbeing** through the natural environment
- Encourage children to be close to nature, in and out of school by helping **primary schools create nature-friendly grounds and** supporting more **pupil contact with local natural spaces**
- Green our towns and cities by creating more **green infrastructure and planting more trees** in and around our towns and cities
- Make 2019 a Year of Action for the environment by helping **children and young people from all backgrounds to engage with nature** and improve the environment and supporting the **2019 Year of Green Action**

4. Increasing resource efficiency, and reducing pollution and waste

We will:

- Maximise resource efficiency and minimise environmental impacts at end of life by achieving **zero avoidable plastic waste** by the end of 2042, reduce **food supply chain emissions and waste**, reduce **litter and littering**, improve **management of residual waste**, crack down on **fly-tippers and waste criminal** and reduce the **impact of wastewater**
- Reduce pollution by publishing a **Clean Air Strategy**, curbing emissions from **combustion plants and generators**, publish a **Chemicals Strategy**, minimising the risk of **chemical contamination in our water**, ensure we continue to **maintain clean recreational waters** and **warn about temporary pollution**



5. Securing clean, healthy, productive and biologically diverse seas and oceans

We will:

- Introduce a sustainable fisheries policy as we leave the Common Fisheries Policy
- Achieve **good environmental status in our seas** while allowing marine industries to thrive



6. Protecting and improving our global environment

We will:

- Provide international leadership and lead by example by **tackling climate change** and **protecting and improving international biodiversity**
- Help developing nations protect and improve the environment, providing assistance and **supporting disaster planning** and **protecting international forests** and **sustainable global agriculture**
- Leave a lighter footprint on the global environment by **enhancing sustainability**, protecting and managing **risks from hazards** and supporting **zero-deforestation supply chains**



Putting the plan into practice

- Consultation just launched (10th May) on setting up a **new independent body to hold government to account** and a new set of environmental principles to underpin policy-making.
- Developing a **set of metrics to assess progress towards our 25-year goals**; working with experts over the next six months.
- Increase private funding of environmental enhancement; establishing a new **green business council** and exploring the potential for a **natural environment impact fund**.
- Over the coming year **identify stakeholders contribution to the goals set out in this Plan**.
- Refresh the 25 Year Environment Plan regularly to ensure that collectively we are focusing on the right priorities, using the latest evidence, and delivering better value for money.
- **Developing existing Area Integrated Plans into local natural capital plans** to create stronger, more joined up local delivery

Transition to local natural capital plans

- **Developing existing Area Integrated Plans into local natural capital plans** to create stronger, more joined up local delivery is a key commitment of the Plan
- The plans will be lead by Defra Group teams but will involve coordination of **all stakeholders in the area to create a set of shared priorities**. LNPs will be a key stakeholder in this process.
- **Non-environmentally focused organisations will be brought in**. LEPs, local authorities and Health and Wellbeing Boards will be involved in these plans
- The coordination of delivery in an area will create synergies and **closer partnership working**
- We have started the process of designing local natural capital plans through engagement with key stakeholders in a local delivery working group. LNPs are represented on this group
- We aim to have a strategy for the implementation of this policy by summer 2018

Local Delivery Evidence Project

We have let an evidence project with Collingwood Environment Planning into investigating the local delivery landscape and partnership working

- They have undertaken a grey literature review and a deep dive into 4 areas, including the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford Growth Corridor
- The next stage will identify examples of best practice and use them to create recommendations for closer partnership working
- It will also co-create a partnership self assessment tool with stakeholders, likely to be in touch with stakeholders

The project is expected to finish in January 2019

What next for Defra?

- Delivery and relationship with delivery bodies on policy-specific actions to be managed by responsible policy areas
- Develop effective monitoring and reporting against the plan
- Consider how we facilitate cross-defra working on cross-cutting policy
- Reviewing and monitoring delivery against outcome metrics to coordinate a refresh of the plan.
- Finalise the governance structure to support continuous delivery of the plan

How do LNPs fit in to the equation?

There are two key ways LNPs will be able to contribute-

1. Being an active voice in the creation of local natural capital plans once rolled out.
2. Continuing the excellent work they do that is already aligned with the ambitions of 25 Year Environment Plan.
 - LNPs will be key stakeholders and partners in the creation of individual local natural capital plans once the process beings
 - LNPs are represented on the Local Delivery Working Group, helping to shape the form and content of local natural capital plans
 - LNPs are already performing excellent work in achieving the goals of the Plan, we do not want to lose this contribution
 - Work like the Natural Capital Investment Plan is a potential model for how LNPs can work together with each other and other stakeholders in their area

What next for local delivery?

- Engage with the Local Delivery Working Group to shape Local Natural Capital Plans
- Use the outputs from the evidence project to create closer partnership working
- Produce a strategy for turning Area Integrated Plans into Local Natural Capital Plans by late spring 2018
- Reach out to OGDs and their delivery partners to secure buy-in to the developing local delivery strategy
- Coordinate with the creation of the metrics ensuring synergies with “locally” and “nationally” collated data