

Update on the Nature Map Phase 2 Project – Visioning Workshops

- Project progressing well – TOR agreed with John Waldon for facilitating workshops.
- 5 out of 6 remaining counties (Devon have completed theirs) have selected a SNA and 3 of these have now started to progress visioning workshops and have dates set. Naomi is meeting Gloucestershire LBAP 4th October to outline project and determine if they wish to undertake a workshop.
- Important lessons already being learnt in developing the right ‘atmosphere’ for workshops and this type of visioning exercise.
- Additional funds available to help run workshops in Cornwall and Dorset (through NE projects). Cornwall have expressed a desire to undertake a second visioning exercise at another SNA and have funds to do so (as part of project being undertaken at Penwith). This has been considered and will progress at end of project if appropriate. John has agreed to this work.
- Aim to have majority of workshops completed by Christmas, but there will need to be provision for some to be held after this date due to staggered approach being taken to setting them up.
- Summary of progress in each county below:

County	Outline	Date of Workshops
Avon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNA chosen – Lansdowne SNA on the northern fringes of Bath which presents opportunity to explore urban fringe issues. • Falls in WTs Living Landscape Project so will contribute to this. • 2 workshops will be held; 1st to agree broad vision for SNA (have good basis from which to work due to BAP Atlas prepared by BRERC), 2nd to sell this concept to other organisations and partners in Avon area. • Invitations for 1st workshop circulated and set up. 2nd to be organised for late 2007. • Mixed audience invited to 1st workshop inc. rep’s from biodiversity, LA’s ecologist and planner, farming community, RIGS, landscapes, LRC, racecourse and local naturalist group and community officer. 	1 st workshop - 17 th Oct @ Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution rooms in Bath
Cornwall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area approach taken which captures 3 SNAs. This work will help develop biodiversity/environment input into China Clay Area Action Plan that being developed and area has a wider community identity as China Clay area. • 3 stage approach required – 1 - review past biodiversity mapping work and update into draft vision with key biodiversity practitioners; 2 – Wider professional community to refine and buy into this 	1 st – 22 nd October @ CWT offices 2 nd - 6 th Dec @ location tbc

	<p>vision (inc. Imerys, planners, mineral planners, LA's, historic env, landscape etc); 3 – taking to community for agreement (this stage will not be undertake through this project however LA are currently preparing Parish Action Plans and this would provide an ideal vehicle for delivery and communities officer on board with this).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will have useful lessons for fitting into wider strategies and working with business/industry as well as the longer term implications of community buy in. • Invitation for first workshop circulated. 2nd workshop to be organised after this date. • Additional funds may be available to progress this workshop from NE. 	
Somerset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 SNAs selected in the Brue Valley (part of the Levels and Moors). • Obviously this is an area with some history behind it, however, NE, WT, County Council and IDB were all behind workshop. • 2 workshops will be organised; 1 – to outline wider environmental vision for this area by bringing together key biodiversity players to help develop partnership approach and develop outline vision. 2 – Will test this vision with wider audience but will focus on professionals and possibly landowners. Aim is to develop clear vision so that all organisations are giving landowners etc the same message and to have a clear way forward for this area. • Invitation list being drawn up for both workshops and agenda etc being developed. 	<p>1st workshop either 7th or 9th Nov. 2nd workshop – 28th/29th Nov.</p>
Dorset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBAP partnership have identified three possible SNAs, but have selected a chalk grassland SNA in the upper NEMO catchment. • This lies in a NEMO area and we will be working with Chris Bolton to develop this workshop. This will mean a broader event looking at including a range of sectors and how biodiversity might fit into this. Good chance to explore both fit of NM into NE objectives and vice versa. • Lies in Living Landscape Project area and will also input into this. • Details yet to be determined. 	
Wiltshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNA selected in living landscape project area which already includes partners from BRC, NE, WT and RSPB. • Chance to input into project. • Workshop to be developed at a meeting scheduled for 11th October. 	

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