

Third Update on the Nature Map Phase 2 Project – Visioning Workshops

- All workshops have been held, in summary; Cornwall (3 workshops), Devon (1 workshop outside this contract), Dorset (1 workshop), Somerset (1 workshop), Avon (1 workshop), Wiltshire (2 workshops), Gloucestershire (0 workshop).
- All workshops generally produced a vision (excluding Dorset), whether this was mapped or in the form of written Guiding Principles – copies of each vision will be made available as a resource on the new website unless it is felt to be sensitive by LBAP.
- All workshops had a variety of sectors represented and this was welcomed by those who attended. Useful lessons have been learnt in developing biodiversity visions that are developed more fully in conjunction with other sectors.
- John Waldon is now preparing a written summary of the project and will attend the Nature Map Working Group on 4th June to report and discuss findings of project.

County	Outline
Avon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 successful workshop held and vision with notes produced for Lansdown SNA on the outskirts of Bath. Range of sectors and landowners involved. • 2nd workshop did not come to fruition.
Cornwall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First draft vision map produced along with a set of Guiding Principles. Vision not complete as a complex area, but Imerys have offered to financially support further development and working up. Vision was primarily biodiversity focused, but consultation did take place with other sectors and will so again in future as it is worked through. • Vision will be useful in contributing to a number of strategies and initiatives being developed in China Clay area. • Note – vision encompassed 3 SNAs but extended to the whole China Clay area.
Somerset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One workshop held to begin to define a shared vision and to initiate dialogue in the Brue Valley area. • Outline vision produced. SWT, along with other partners, were successful in securing funding for WAVE project focused in Brue Valley. Outputs from vision workshop will help inform project.
Dorset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One workshop held with a range of sectors to define vision for Kingcombe SNA. • No vision captured but information shared about SNA led to a better understanding of the area. • No follow up within the bounds of this project will be pursued, but it is hoped that participants at the workshop will develop thinking.
Wiltshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline vision captured for the Eble Valley area that encompassed 5 chalk SNAs. Mainly biodiversity sector involved, but this deemed appropriate at this stage for this area, although some involvement from historic environment. • Vision to be delivered through a Living Landscapes project which will hopefully see further refinement.

- **Guiding Principles and Procedure** – A draft set of principles and procedure have been circulated to the wider partnership for consultation. Comments from this have now been received and will be presented to the Nature Map Working Group at their next meeting on 4th June. Once the Working Group have ratified the procedure a set of criteria will need to be drawn up to aid implementation. The recommendations will then be put into place and undertaken. It is hoped that this will be in place by the end of the summer.
- **BioSW Partnership Meeting** – A wider partnership meeting was held in March whose theme was Nature Map. This event was well attended with some useful talks and discussions taking place. The outputs from the meetings have now been circulated. The Nature Map Working Group will look at the matters arising from this meeting and map the suggested route forward.

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