

Earley Town Council

Amenities and Leisure Committee Meeting – 13th September 2023

Agenda Item 6.

BERKSHIRE'S LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) are part of the Environment Act 2021 and are an England-wide government initiative to recover nature. Each LNRS will map areas of current particular importance for biodiversity and work with partners to agree priorities for nature recovery which will be used to create local habitat maps.

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead are the Responsible Authority for the Berkshire LNRS. Bracknell, Reading, Slough, West Berkshire and Wokingham are supporting authorities along with Natural England. They will help contribute to the strategy.

The LNRS will be a blueprint for Berkshire's Nature Recovery Network that will help local authorities prioritise where and how they should invest and target action in the short-term. It is hoped it will be a crucial delivery plan for the long-term ambitions of each local authority's Biodiversity Action Plans and climate strategies and more.

RBWM has organised a series of introductory webinars for a wide range of partners, including one for borough, parish and town councils on 20th September 2023 at 11am and one for residents on 26th September 2023 at 7pm.

Full details available at <https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/berkshire-local-nature-recovery-strategy>

Councillors are invited to attend one of these webinars and feed back into any further discussions ETC may have on the Earley Green Corridor.

Note:

I provided information on the Berkshire LNRS to Bob Collis, EEG, and suggested the lead officer at RBWM may be interested in his Earley Green Corridor Network proposal as part of the LNRS. Bob has since contacted her and she has requested a meeting with Bob/EEG to discuss the EGCN idea. Once this meeting has taken place, we will meet with Bob/EEG to explore the possible ways in which ETC can provide support to the proposal. A report will be provided to a future meeting of the A & L committee for discussion.

Jo Friend
Town Clerk
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