

A Vision for Nature in Adur & Worthing

1.0 Introduction: A Collective Ambition for a Thriving Natural Environment

This document sets out a landmark vision for the recovery of nature across Adur and Worthing. It is a shared ambition and a call to action for our communities, partner organisations, local businesses and residents to work together to recover and enhance our unique natural environment, including significant areas of the South Downs National Park, from Cissbury Ring in Worthing to Mill Hill in Shoreham. In a time of unprecedented environmental pressure, and conflicting demands on land, this vision provides a strategic and hopeful path forward, recognising that a healthy, thriving natural world is fundamental to the quality of life, climate resilience and economic prosperity of our places.

This vision is Adur and Worthing's definitive local response to national and regional environmental imperatives and is aligned to the forthcoming West Sussex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), building on its ambitions and seeking to go further. The vision also seeks to support the delivery of the South Downs Partnership Management Plan which is currently under review. We aim to work with partners and communities at the landscape scale, beyond administrative boundaries, to drive the creation of connected landscapes and nature corridors, also playing our part in the protection of the chalk aquifer, so critical for both local water supply and nature.

Our vision directly addresses the UK government's commitment to protect 30% of land for nature by 2030 (the '30by30' target), providing a clear framework for how our area will contribute to this goal. The national criteria for 30by30 areas—which demand a clear **Purpose** for conservation, long-term **Protection**, and effective **Management**—are embedded throughout this strategy, ensuring our local actions are of a high quality and contribute meaningfully to the national effort.

The Adur Local Plan (2017) and Worthing Local Plan (2023) recognise the significant challenges in balancing the competing demands of delivering housing with the importance of our natural environment in places with such limited available land. The importance of natural capital, biodiversity net gain and adaptation to climate change are represented in the vision

and objectives of both Local Plans. The Local Plans also play a role in identifying and mapping Local Wildlife Sites and including policies that protect and enhance them and their connection to wider ecological networks.

This vision acts as a foundational contribution to the two emerging Sussex Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS). While the county-wide strategies are in development, this document presents a ready-made vision and emerging plan for our part of Sussex. This proactive stance positions Adur and Worthing as leaders in nature recovery, providing the wider Sussex vision with a well-defined, partner-supported and project-ready framework that can accelerate the delivery of regional objectives and attract future investment.

It is crucial to acknowledge the context in which this vision is set. Adur & Worthing Councils, like local authorities across the country, face significant and ongoing financial constraints. We are not in a position to create a large, centrally-funded delivery plan. Instead, this vision champions a different, more resilient model. The councils' roles are defined as that of strategic leaders, partners and, most importantly, an **enablers and catalysts** for action. We will use our convening power, our assets and our expertise to assemble partners, develop strong proposals and work collaboratively to unlock the external funding necessary to make this vision a reality. The success of the externally-funded Sussex Bay initiative, which the councils were instrumental in creating, exemplifies this effective and entrepreneurial approach.

The overarching goal of this vision is to begin a long-term conversation and build a collaborative movement to restore nature across our land, watercourses and sea. It is a 25-year commitment, looking ahead to 2050, to create a healthier, more resilient and biodiverse Adur and Worthing for all current and future generations.

2.0 The Case for Nature: Why Corridors are Vital for Our Future

Investing in nature recovery is not a peripheral activity but an essential strategy for securing a prosperous and resilient future for Adur and Worthing. At the heart of this vision is the concept of nature recovery corridors—interconnected networks of habitats that act as lifelines for wildlife and deliver profound benefits for our communities.

From an ecological perspective, our natural landscape has become increasingly fragmented by development, infrastructure and intensive land use. This isolates wildlife populations, making them vulnerable and hindering their ability to find food, seek mates and adapt to environmental pressures. Nature corridors counter this by connecting these isolated pockets, allowing animals to move freely and safely between larger habitat areas. They are the essential arteries that maintain healthy, genetically diverse populations.

This function is more critical than ever in the face of climate change. As our climate shifts, species will need to move and colonize new areas to survive. Well-connected corridors provide the pathways for this essential migration, building ecological resilience across the entire landscape. This principle is nationally recognised, with government reports emphasizing the importance of creating bigger, better and more joined-up spaces for nature. Ambitious landscape-scale initiatives across Sussex, such as Weald to Waves, have already demonstrated the power of this collaborative, connectivity-focused approach.

The benefits of a restored, connected natural environment extend far beyond wildlife. For our communities, these corridors represent a network of green infrastructure that enhances our quality of life and provides vital ecosystem services. A landscape rich in nature offers improved public health and wellbeing, with accessible green spaces for recreation, reflection, and physical activity. Healthy ecosystems provide cleaner air and water, and natural features like wetlands and restored floodplains offer effective, nature-based solutions to flood management, protecting homes and businesses. By investing in our natural assets, we also enhance our identity as remarkable destinations for nature and outdoors lovers, supporting a vibrant and sustainable tourism economy and making Adur and Worthing places where people and nature can thrive together.

Weald to Waves is a landscape-scale nature recovery project in Sussex. It aims to create a 100-mile corridor connecting habitats from the High Weald forests to Sussex Bay.

The initiative, a collaboration between landowners like the Knepp Estate, conservation groups, and local communities, focuses on restoring ecosystems and creating connected wildland. This allows wildlife to move freely, adapt to climate change, and increase biodiversity across the region.

3.0 Our Framework for Action: Five Corridors for Nature's Recovery

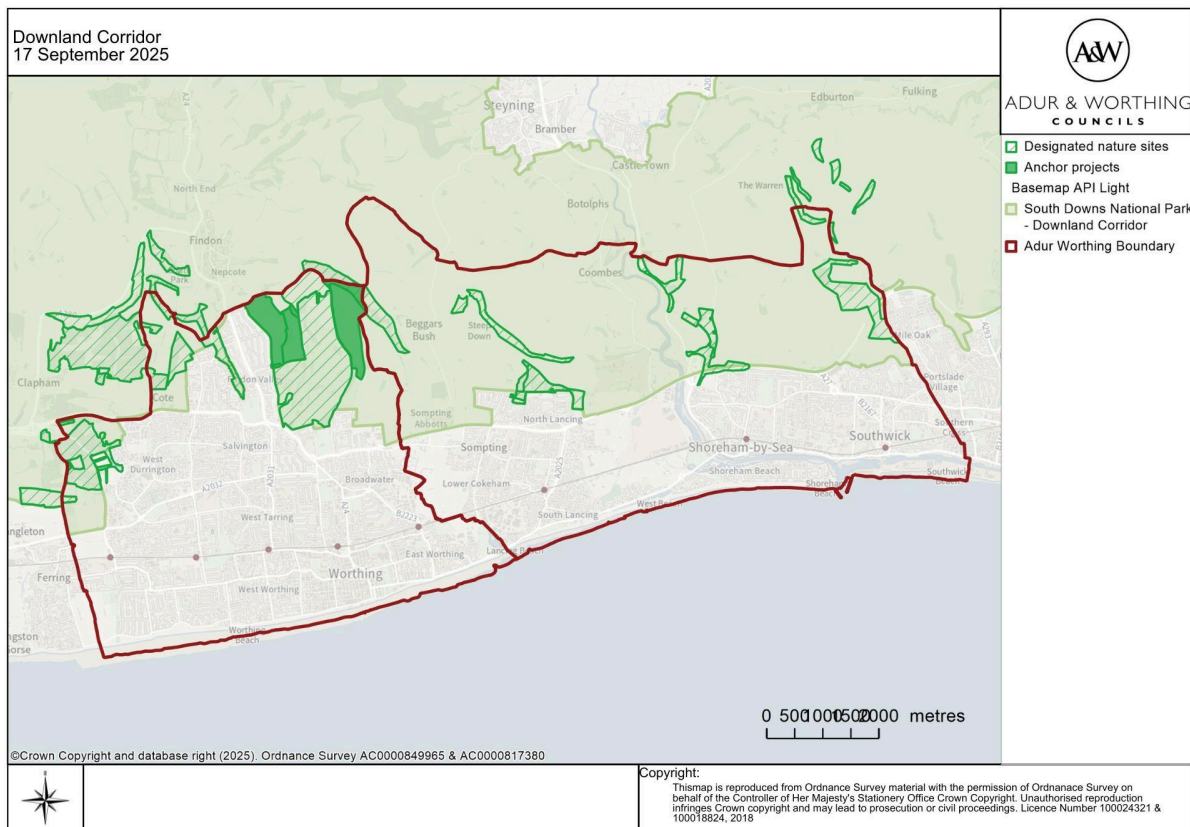
The core of this vision is a strategic framework built around five interconnected green and blue corridors, from chalk downland to riparian/wetland habitats and coastal habitats such as rare vegetated shingle, and marine habitats such as kelp, mussel beds and more.

These corridors provide a clear and inspiring map for collective action, linking our most important natural assets from the rolling hills of the South Downs to the dynamic Sussex coastline. The role of these corridors in climate adaptation is also significant and will be further understood over time. Each corridor is anchored by existing or planned projects, grounding our long-term ambition in tangible, on-the-ground reality.

In this document, we present rudimentary maps of the proposed nature corridors, with the plan to commission ecological analysis and the creation of feature rich maps that clearly illustrate the potential for the corridors in terms of wildlife species and habitat potential.

3.1 The Downland Corridor: Restoring our Chalk Grassland Heritage

Map 2: The Downland Corridor

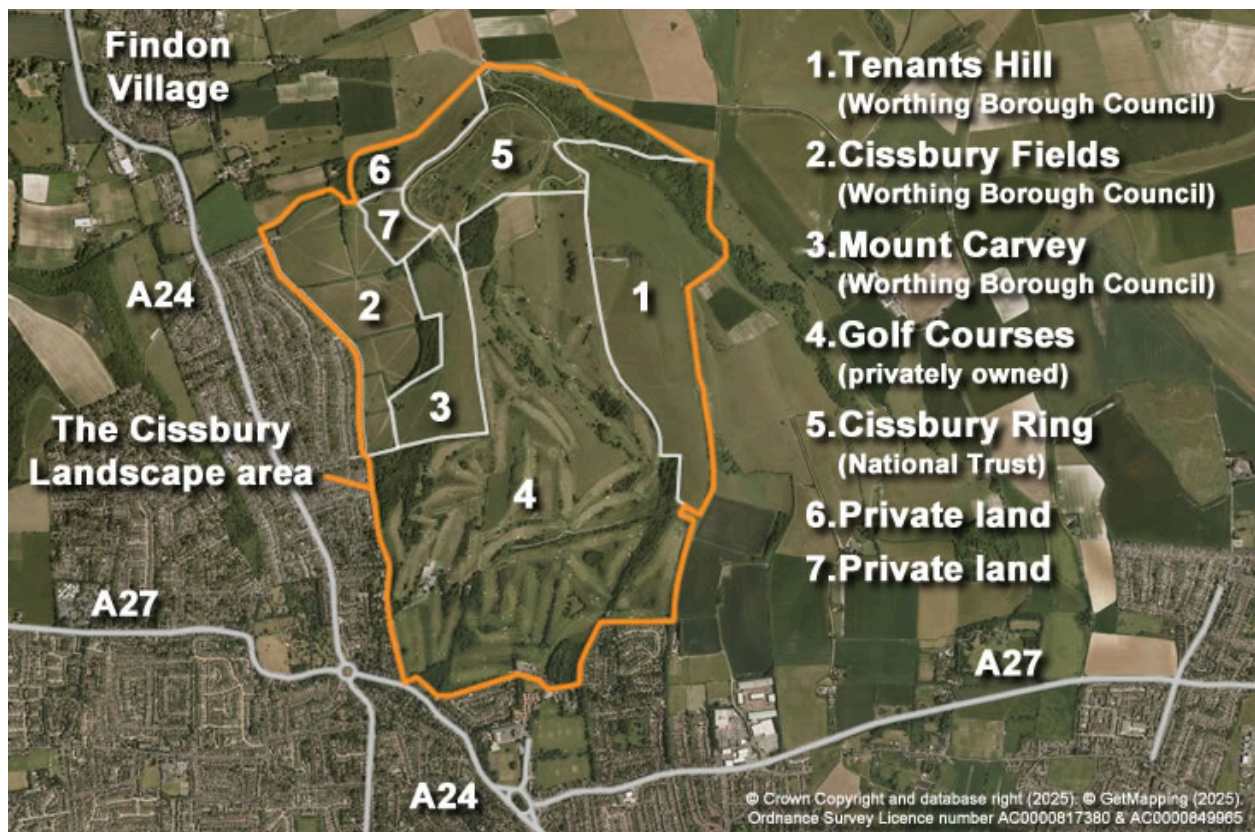


Vision: To forge a strong ecological link running east to west, connecting South Downs National Park with our urban and coastal areas. This corridor will focus on restoring and enhancing our iconic chalk grassland habitats, facilitating the movement of specialist species and preserving the unique landscape character of the South Downs.

Anchor Project: Cissbury Landscape Recovery

(new dedicated web page <https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/the-cissbury-landscape/>)

The initial focus for the Downland corridor will be to develop a vision for the Cissbury Landscape, which includes Worthing Council’s current land holdings at Cissbury Fields, Tenant’s Hill, and Mount Carvery. A partnership is developing with the South Downs National Park, Sussex Wildlife Trust and National Trust to create an integrated vision for the area.



Cissbury Fields

As a flagship council-led initiative, the restoration of Cissbury Fields serves as a cornerstone of the Cissbury landscape and wider Downland Corridor. A detailed five-year habitat management plan has been prepared, demonstrating a clear, phased approach to transforming this landscape. Key elements of the plan include:

- **A Mosaic of Habitats:** The plan creates a diverse range of habitats across the site's six

fields. This includes allowing areas to develop into managed scrubland, planting a new community orchard to provide food and blossom for pollinators, and preparing large areas for the introduction of conservation grazing—a traditional and highly effective method for restoring species-rich chalk grassland.⁶

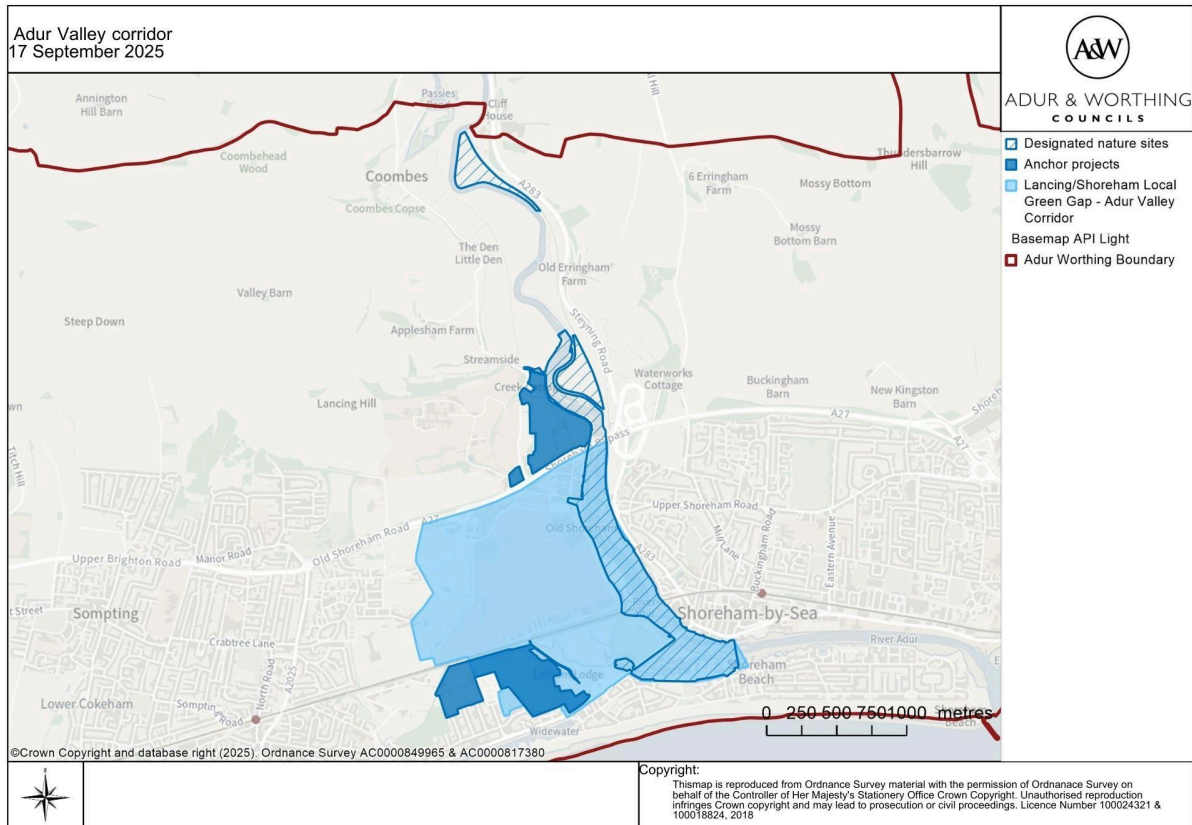
- **Targeted Restoration:** Specific zones within the fields have been identified for active reseeded with wildflower mixes as part of the regional SDNPA funded "Beelines" project, aiming to create vibrant nectar sources for bees and other insects.⁶
- **Enhanced Connectivity:** The plan includes thickening existing hedgerows with new whip planting to strengthen wildlife corridors within the site, while ensuring public access is maintained through seasonally cut paths.
- **Funding Strategy:** Good progress is being made, working with Natural England, with an application to the Countryside Stewardship Scheme being prepared for submission in Spring 2026.

Tenants Hill:

- A proposal to transfer council land adjoining Cissbury Ring to long term custodianship by Sussex Wildlife Trust is being considered by Worthing Borough Council, securing the expertise and resources of the trust to restore the currently grazed land to species-rich chalk grassland, protected for generations to come.
- Part of the capital receipt received by the council would be used as match funding into the council's Cissbury Fields project.

3.2 The Adur Valley Corridor: A National Blueprint for River Recovery

Map 3: The Adur Valley Corridor



Vision: To revitalise the River Adur, creating a thriving, connected corridor of wetland habitats, sustainable food production, and outstanding biodiversity. This corridor will follow the river from its upper reaches down to the estuary, restoring natural processes and improving water quality along its entire length.

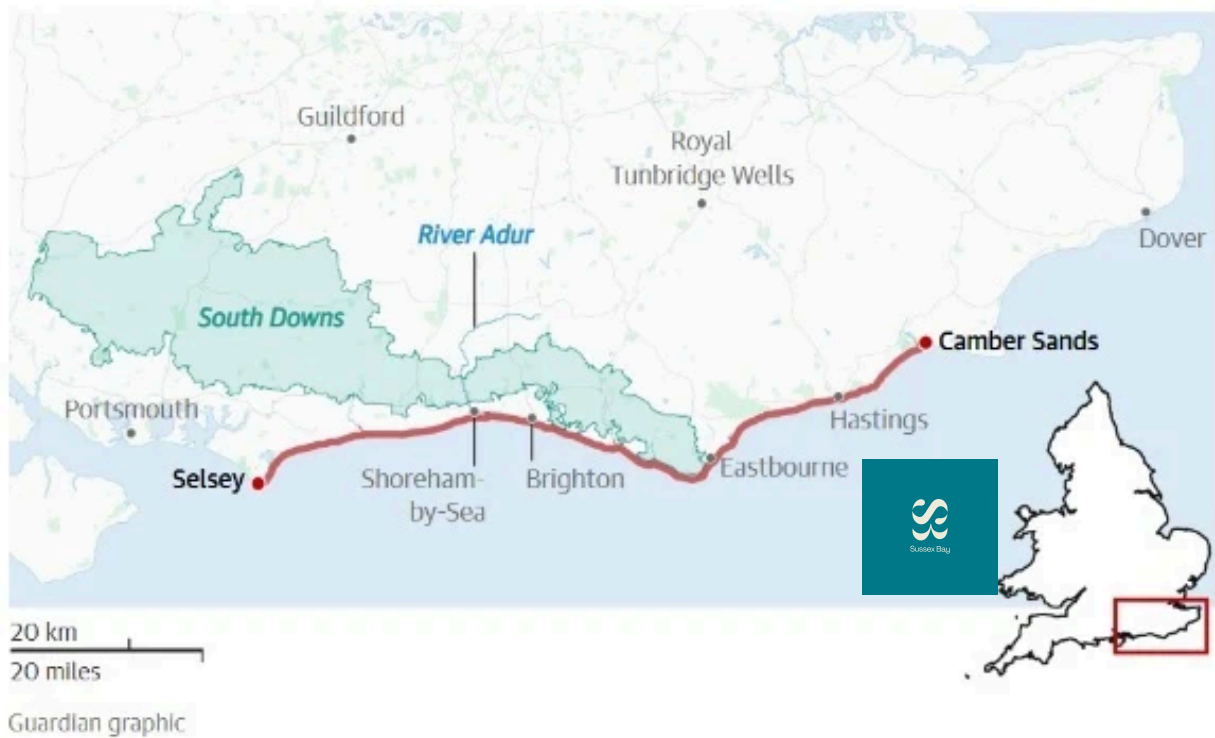
Anchor Project: The Adur River Recovery Project (ARRP). This nationally-significant project is a powerful example of the collaborative, landowner-led model that underpins its entire vision. It is one of only 22 Landscape Recovery pilot schemes in the country and is already serving as a blueprint for how large-scale nature recovery can be achieved in a complex, working landscape. Its key features include:

- **Scale and Ambition:** The ARRP is a 20-year project uniting 27 diverse farmers and land managers to restore and enhance a continuous area of over 760 hectares along the river, covering both Horsham and Adur District Council areas.
- **Transformative Interventions:** The project has recently submitted major plans to DEFRA totalling £25m and is currently awaiting the outcome of its submission. The proposals involve a bold programme of capital works designed to restore the river's natural

functions. This includes the creation of approximately 56 hectares of new coastal saltmarsh habitat at **Adur District Council's Pad Farm**, on the western bank immediately north of the A27 at the flyover. Extensive restoration of floodplain grazing marsh would be delivered, with the strategic removal of four major weirs to improve fish passage, and the creation of a new 900-metre bypass channel to circumvent 'The Lock', a heritage structure that currently blocks migration. Further interventions include creating 28 hectares of new broadleaf woodland and planting over 3.2 km of new hedgerows to enhance connectivity. Adur District Council also remains committed to protecting and enhancing New Salts Farm north of the A259 alongside New Salts Farm Road. The site, owned by Adur Council, acts as a crucial green gap between the Shoreham and Lancing settlements, with new efforts underway to unlock the site for renaturing.

- **Robust Governance and Partnership:** The project is underpinned by a resilient governance structure, the Adur River Recovery Community Interest Company (CIC), which brings together all land managers with key technical partners such as the Knepp Wildland Foundation, the Ouse & Adur Rivers Trust, and Sussex Wildlife Trust.

3.3 Sussex Bay: Championing our Blue Environment



Vision: To enhance the biodiversity and ecological value of the entire Sussex coastline, including Adur & Worthing, from the vegetated shingle beaches and intertidal mudflats to the kelp forests and open waters of the English Channel. This corridor envisions a healthy, resilient, and productive marine ecosystem spanning 100 miles of the Sussex coast.

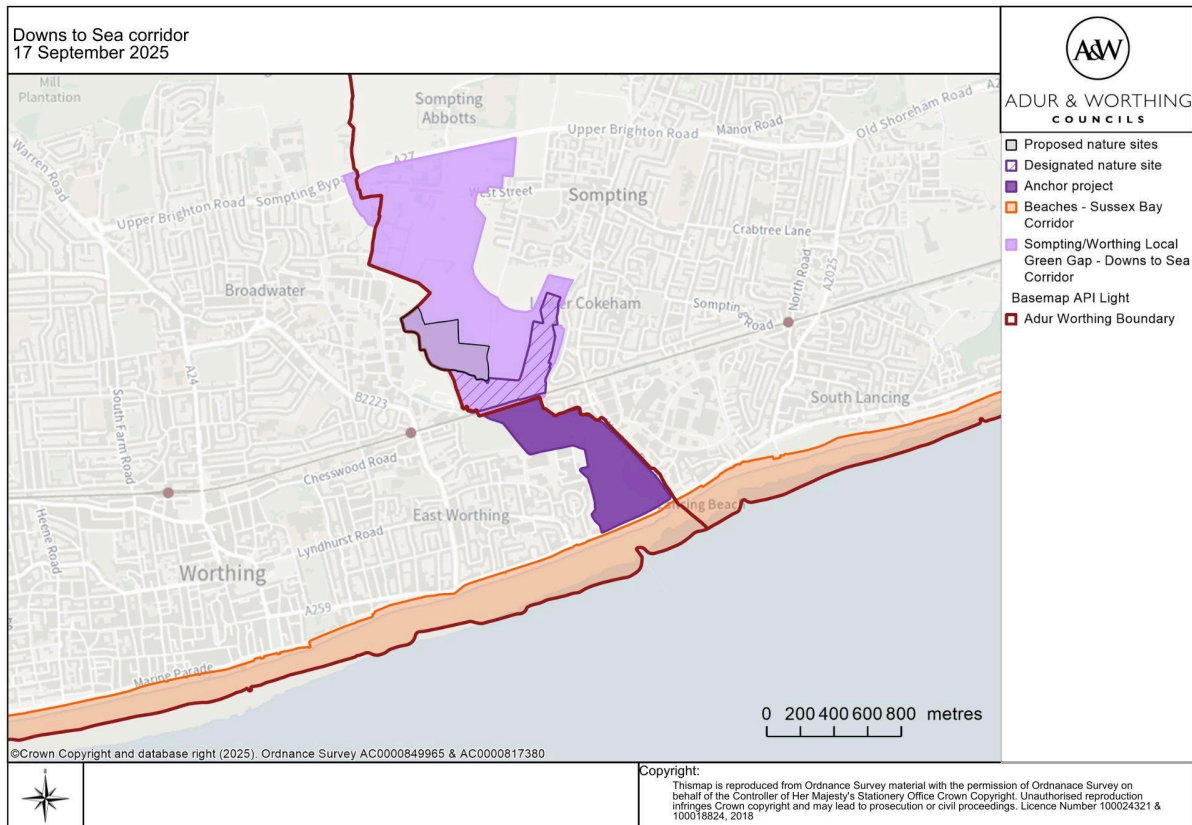
Anchor Initiative: Sussex Bay. Adur & Worthing Councils have played a pivotal leadership role in initiating and hosting the Sussex Bay programme, a pioneering regional response to the climate and biodiversity crises in the seascape. This initiative is central to the delivery of the coastal corridor:

- **Ambitious Funding and Innovation:** Sussex Bay is on a mission to generate a £50 million fund for nature recovery by 2050 and is establishing the UK's first 'Blue Natural Capital Lab' to drive innovation in marine restoration and investment.
- **Local Projects, Regional Impact:** The programme supports and champions over 60 projects across the region, including tangible initiatives within our area such as the creation of the Southwick Reef delivered by Shoreham Port to enhance marine biodiversity and the development of a new facility at the Windsor Lawns rotunda for Worthing's independent commercial fishers.
- **Integrated Coastal Management:** The vision for this corridor integrates the proactive restoration work of Sussex Bay with the councils' statutory coastal protection responsibilities. The Shoreline Management Plan for Worthing adopts a 'Hold the line' policy, ensuring that nature recovery efforts are aligned with the long-term strategy for

managing coastal erosion and flood risk in a changing climate.

3.4 The Downs to Sea Corridor: Reconnecting People and Nature at Brooklands

Map 5: Downs to Sea Corridor



Vision: To create a seamless green link from South Downs National Park to the sea, providing a vital corridor for wildlife through the urban landscape and enhancing community access to high-quality natural spaces. Brooklands Park sits at the heart of this vision, acting as a vibrant hub for nature, recreation and learning. The Adur Local Plan (2017) designated the Cokeham Brooks Local Wildlife Site and both this and the Worthing Local Plan (2023) have recognised and supported opportunities for its expansion.

Anchor Project: Brooklands Park Regeneration. The comprehensive, multi-stage restoration of Brooklands Park is a prime example of ambitious urban nature recovery, demonstrating how ecological enhancement and community amenity can be successfully integrated. The transformation includes:

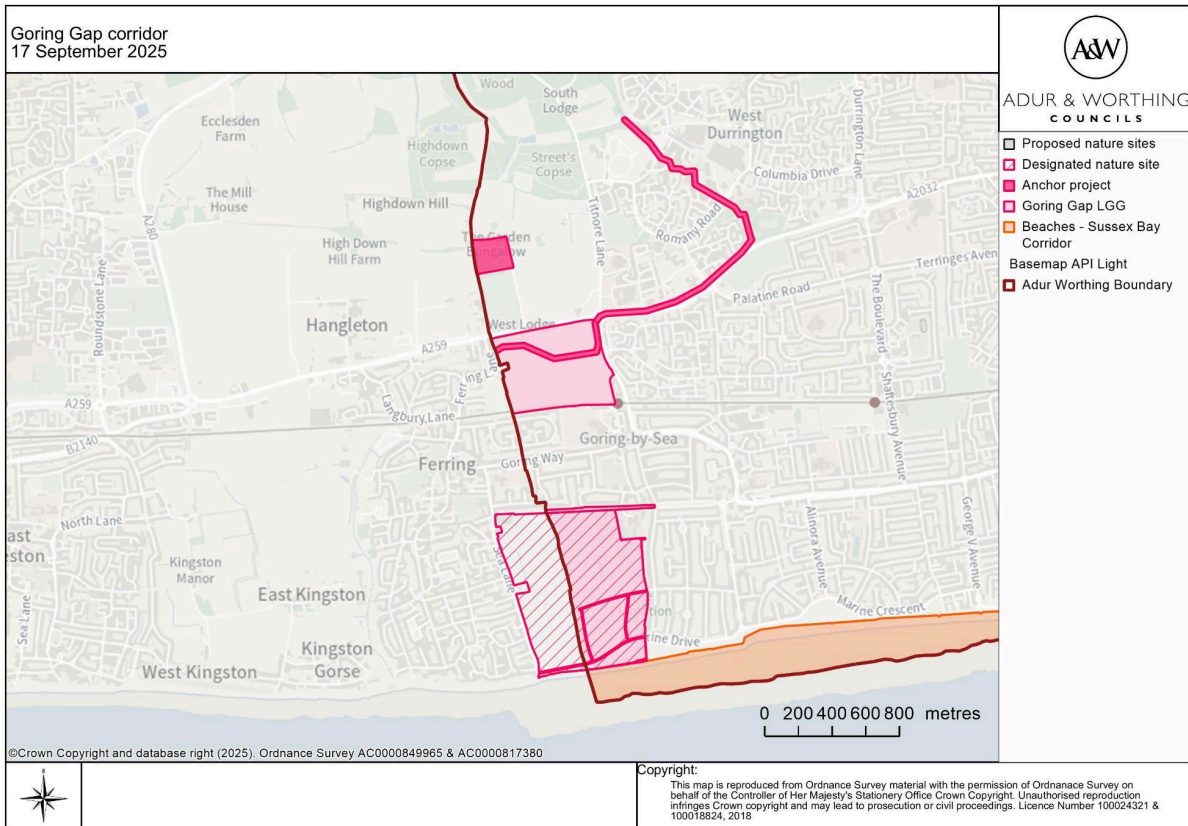
- **Ecological Restoration:** The project began with the fundamental restoration of the

park's aquatic habitats. Extensive dredging of the lake removed accumulated silt, while the installation of windmills for oxygenation and the successful Enhancing Places, Inspiring Communities (EPIC) project helped restore a section of the Teville Stream by realigning it through a 1km section of local farmland, enhancing aquatic biodiversity, creating new habitats and improving water quality.

- A Destination for Nature and Leisure:** The wider park has been reimagined with a new café providing a gateway to the park, while new accessible pathways and a destination playground create a unique landscape that allows for engagement with nature. This has now been designated through the Worthing Local Plan (2023) as a Local Green Space which will keep the land permanently open recognising the sites special importance to the local community.

3.5 The Goring Green Gap Corridor: Protecting our Vital Green Spaces

Map 6: Goring Green Gap Corridor



Vision: To protect and enhance the crucial green open space between Goring and Ferring. This corridor is vital for maintaining habitat connectivity between the South Downs and the

coast and for preserving the distinct identities of our communities. The southern part of the Goring Gap has also been recognised as especially important for wildlife and as such is designated in the Worthing Local Plan (2023) as the Goring - Ferring Gap Local Wildlife Site affording it additional protection from development.

Key Opportunities: Highdown Gardens and Ferring Rife. This corridor is defined by the stewardship of existing high-value natural and cultural assets:

- **Highdown Gardens:** This unique Grade II* registered historic garden, managed by Worthing Borough Council, is a key asset within the corridor. As a former chalk pit transformed into a celebrated plantsman's garden, it demonstrates how the conservation of cultivated landscapes and nationally important plant collections can form an integral part of a wider nature recovery network.
- **Ferring Rife:** The rife (a local term for a stream) and its surrounding habitats exemplify the power of community-led conservation. Local volunteer groups, including Ferring Conservation Group and the Ferring Rife Wildlife group, are actively working to protect and enhance this area. Their activities, which include tree planting along the rife to create a wildlife corridor, regular wildlife surveys and campaigning against inappropriate development, are a testament to the grassroots passion that this vision seeks to empower.

Taken together, these five corridors represent more than just a plan for nature; they embody a sophisticated and diversified portfolio of recovery approaches. The strategy blends different models of conservation, from the large-scale, farmer-led, process-driven restoration of the Adur Valley, to the direct, council-managed habitat creation at Cissbury Fields. It combines the regional, partnership-driven model of Sussex Bay with the urban regeneration of Brooklands Park and the community-led conservation of the Goring Green Gap. This portfolio approach makes the overall vision more resilient, adaptable and attractive to a wide range of funders and partners. It demonstrates a nuanced understanding that there is no single solution to nature's decline, but rather a need for a suite of tailored actions that reflect the unique ecological and social character of each part of our landscape.

4.0 The Councils' Commitment: Leading, Enabling, and Supporting Action

Adur & Worthing Councils are fully committed to driving this vision forward. While we operate within significant financial constraints, our role as enablers and catalysts is pivotal. We will provide strategic leadership, direct delivery where appropriate, foster powerful partnerships, and empower our communities to take action. Our commitment is structured across three key areas of activity.

4.1 Leading by Example: Direct Delivery and Management

The councils will lead by example through the direct management of our own land and the delivery of key strategic projects.

- **Strategic Projects:** We are direct and active partners in some of the most significant nature recovery projects in the region. Our land ownership at Pad Farm is critical to the success of the **Adur River Recovery Project**, and we are key stakeholders in developing the **Cissbury Landscape Vision**. Furthermore, through the strategic acquisition of sites like **New Salts Farm**, we have protected vital green spaces from the risk of development.
- **Parks and Foreshore Delivery:** Our Parks and Foreshore team is at the forefront of implementing our "**Renaturing**" programme across public parks, open spaces, and district and borough allotments and cemeteries. Heene Closed Cemetery in Worthing is one of 600 Sussex Local Wildlife Sites, and has a dedicated monitoring program led by its volunteers who have identified over 760 species at the one acre site. This data feeds into the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre and is a gold star example of successful council/community partnership. The renaturing programme involves a range of interventions designed to boost biodiversity in urban areas, including creating dedicated wildflower areas, reducing mowing frequency to allow natural seed banks to flourish, and planting thousands of mixed species bulbs to extend the flowering season for pollinators, as well as supporting local nature reserves such as Shoreham Beach which is designated because of its extensive vegetated shingle habitat.
- **Urban Street Tree Planting:** In Worthing, we have established a successful partnership with the charity Trees for Streets, a scheme that empowers residents, communities and businesses to sponsor the planting of new street trees. In the first two years of the scheme this has resulted in over 130 new trees across the town since 2023 with a further 30 so far sponsored this year. This is helping to restore historically tree-lined streets and improve the urban environment. A comprehensive review of the scheme is needed in its final year to inform progress on a future urban street tree planting strategy.

4.2 Working in Partnership: Achieving More Together

We recognise that the scale of the challenge requires deep collaboration. The councils will actively seek and nurture partnerships with other public bodies and key organisations to deliver shared objectives.

- **Pollinator Highways:** In collaboration with West Sussex County Council, which is responsible for highways, we are working to establish **pollinator highways** along key transport routes. A new highway is being created along the A259 in Worthing, which will involve changes to verge management to create linked, wildflower-rich habitats that act as corridors for bees, butterflies and other vital insects.
- **Improving Coastal Water Quality:** We are working closely with the Environment Agency, Southern Water, West Sussex County Council and residents and activists on improvements. A dedicated citizens science water testing facility is currently in development with partners including Southern Water, South Downs Leisure and local sea swimming groups to supplement weekly sea water samples taken by the Environment Agency to identify hyper local sources of bacterial pollution. on initiatives to improve our coastal water quality. Other examples include the **"Yellow Fish" campaign**, a public awareness initiative that uses distinctive yellow fish symbols next to surface water drains to remind the public that these drains flow directly to the sea and that 'only rain should go down the drain'. This partnership approach is vital for tackling diffuse pollution and improving our bathing water standards.

4.3 Citizen Science and Community Participation

Conservation mapping technology is helping to democratise nature custodianship, harnessing the active engagement of more people than ever to support wildlife. Individuals, families, schools and other community groups can all help contribute to established national and regional science databases with annual species monitoring. National wildlife organisations provide a suite of citizen science resources including mobile apps, designed to help record species response to climate change. Collective gathering of data provides intelligence about species population trends that can be used on a hyper-local level to enhance the habitats of mammals, insects, birds, seaweed (macro algae), plants and trees along the five identified Adur and Worthing nature corridors.

Some existing Citizen Science initiatives include;

Citizen Science Initiative	National Database
RSPB: SwiftMapper	National Biodiversity Network

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RSPB: Big Garden Birdwatch	RSPB National Database
Butterfly Conservation Big Butterfly Count	National Biodiversity Network, as well as with environmental record centres, wildlife trusts, and government agencies such as Natural England and Natural Resources Wales
Natural History Museum and ZSL Big Seaweed Search	Natural History Museum database National Biodiversity Network
National Bat Monitoring Programme; Sunset Survey, Field & waterside surveys	National Biodiversity Network (NBN) Atlas and GBIF (Global Biodiversity Information Facility)
Pollinator Monitoring Scheme UK-SCAPE	Environmental Information Data Centre (EIDC) Bees, Wasps and Ants Recording Society (BWARS) and the Hoverfly Recording Scheme (HRS).
iNaturalist	Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)

The energy and passion of our local communities are our greatest assets. The councils are committed to supporting and empowering residents and local groups to lead nature recovery in their own neighbourhoods.

- **Supporting Community-Led Projects:** We will actively promote and support residents to join schemes like **Weald to Waves' "Gardens & Greenspaces" network**. This initiative encourages people to pledge their gardens, balconies, allotments or community spaces for nature, creating a vital mosaic of small-scale "stepping stones" for wildlife that connect up to the larger corridors.
- **Unlocking Funding:** Our neighbourhood and funding teams will provide dedicated support to help community groups access funding for their projects. The **Worthing CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) Neighbourhood Fund**, for example, is a pot of money generated from local development that can be used for a wide range of projects, including those that enhance the local environment and build inclusive, connected communities. Where possible, our Funding & Investment Team will help groups to develop strong applications to unlock these funds for nature-based projects.
- **Providing Land and Space:** We will work proactively with community groups to identify council-owned small-plot land and open space that is suitable for **community adoption**

or management. By facilitating community asset transfers or management agreements, we can empower local people to take direct ownership of their neighbourhood green spaces, fostering long-term stewardship and pride of place.

The following table provides a clear, at-a-glance summary of the councils' multifaceted role in delivering this vision, demonstrating how the "enabler and catalyst" model functions in practice across a range of activities and geographies.

Councils' Role	Specific Initiatives	Primary Corridor(s) Supported
Leading by Example	Cissbury Fields Habitat Management Plan	Downland
	Adur River Recovery Project (via Pad Farm)	Adur Valley
	Renaturing Parks & Open Spaces	All Corridors
	Street Tree planting programme	All Corridors (Urban Areas)
Working in Partnership	Sussex Bay Programme	Coastal & Seascape
	A259 Pollinator Highway (with WSCC)	Coastal & Seascape
	Yellow Fish Campaign (WSCC/EA/SW)	Coastal & Seascape, Adur Valley
	Citizen science water quality testing (SW/SDL/community)	Coastal & Seascape
Empowering Communities	Promoting Weald to Waves Gardens & Greenspaces	All Corridors
	Facilitating access to CIL Neighbourhood Fund	All Corridors
	Identifying land for community adoption	All Corridors

5.0 A Call to Action: Everyone's Part in a Greener Future

This Vision for Nature is not a document for the councils alone; it is a shared roadmap that requires the active participation of everyone who has a stake in the future of Adur and Worthing. Its success depends on a collective effort, where every contribution, large or small, helps to build a richer, more resilient natural environment. We therefore issue a call to action to all sectors of our community.

For Our Strategic Partners: To our key partners in landscape-scale recovery, such as Weald to Waves, Sussex Bay, Sussex Wildlife Trust, and South Downs National Park Authority, we call for a deepening of our collaboration. We aim to work together to align our strategies, share our data and expertise, and co-develop ambitious, joint funding bids that can turn the corridors mapped in this vision into a fully-realised, interconnected Nature Recovery Network across our region.

For Local Businesses: We invite our vibrant business community to become champions for nature. This can take many forms: investing in the local environment through sponsoring a tree; exploring opportunities to contribute to habitat creation through Biodiversity Net Gain; or adopting nature-friendly practices on your own premises, such as installing swift bricks, creating green roofs, or planting for pollinators. A thriving natural environment is good for business, attracting talent and making our area a more attractive place to invest and visit.

For Community Groups: To the dedicated network of 'Friends of' groups, conservation volunteers, and community gardening associations, we offer our profound thanks and a promise of continued support. Through future Thriving Together events and other opportunities, we aim to share this vision and explore future opportunities, for example volunteering with corridor projects, taking on the management of a new community road verge, applying for CIL neighbourhood funding to enhance your local park, or working with us to adopt a new green space. Organisations like Green Tides CIC provide an excellent model for how groups can network and share resources to maximise their impact.

For Residents: Every resident of Adur and Worthing can play a part. The collective impact of individual actions can be transformative. We urge you to:

- **Join Networks:** For example, sign up to the Weald to Waves Gardens & Greenspaces network and add your garden, allotment, or even your windowbox to the map of nature-friendly spaces across Sussex.
- **Garden for Wildlife:** Choose pollinator-friendly plants, let a patch of lawn grow long, create a log pile for insects, and ensure hedgehogs can pass through your garden by creating a 'hedgehog highway'.
- **Volunteer Your Time:** Join a local 'Friends of' group or participate in a community litter

pick or tree-planting day.

- **Be a Steward:** Act as the eyes and ears for your local green space, reporting problems but also celebrating and sharing the nature on your doorstep.

6.0 The Path to 2050: Turning Vision into Reality Together

This Vision for Nature in Adur & Worthing is ambitious, long-term and hopeful. It sets out a clear direction of travel, but it is not a static, prescriptive plan. It is the beginning of a conversation—a living framework that will guide our collective action and evolve over future decades, helping champion nature recovery as local government reform and devolution unfold.

The five corridors provide a powerful spatial focus for our efforts, but the ultimate goal is to weave nature back into the fabric of every part of our district and borough. By establishing this shared vision, we create the essential conditions for successful collaboration. It provides a credible and compelling foundation for partners to come together, align their efforts and develop the landscape-scale projects that can attract significant external investment from government schemes, environmental markets and philanthropic funders.

The path ahead requires commitment, creativity, and partnership. By leading, enabling and empowering action, Adur & Worthing Councils will help to steer this collective journey. Together, we can create a profound and lasting legacy: a healthier, more resilient, and nature-rich Adur and Worthing, where both people and wildlife can flourish for all generations to come.