

### Appendix 3 – Kent Nature Partnership

The Kent Nature Partnership has a vision for the Garden of England to have a healthy natural environment that is rich in wildlife, is enjoyed and valued by all and underpins our long-term economic, social and personal wellbeing.

The Partnership was awarded Local Nature Partnership (LNP) status by the government in July 2012 to drive positive change in the local natural environment. The Partnership takes a strategic view of the challenges and opportunities involved in managing the natural environment as a system benefiting biodiversity, people and the local economy.

Its mission is to enable a diverse range of organisations to work in partnership and to make the best use of their available resources in order to achieve significant gains for Kent's biodiversity. The Partnership is led by a Partnership Board currently chaired by Caroline Jessel. The work of Board is supported by the Management Working Group. Members of the Board and Management Working Group include:

Brett Aggregates	Kent & Medway Biological Records Centre
Canterbury City Council	Kent Public Health
Country Land & Business Association	Kent Wildlife Trust
Environment Agency	Medway Council
Folkestone & Hythe District Council	Natural England
High Weald AONB	National Farmers Union
Kent Countryside Management Partnerships	Southern Water
Kent County Council	Tunbridge Well Borough Council
Kent Downs AONB	University of Kent

The KNP's strategic priorities are:

- Priority 1 - Strengthening the consideration of biodiversity within local plans and the growth agenda.
- Priority 2 - Embedding natural capital into planning and decision making.
- Priority 3 - Taking forward the health and nature agenda.
- Priority 4 - Improving the quality, extent and connectivity of our high value habitats.

Further information on the Kent Nature Partnership can be found at <http://www.kentnature.org.uk/>