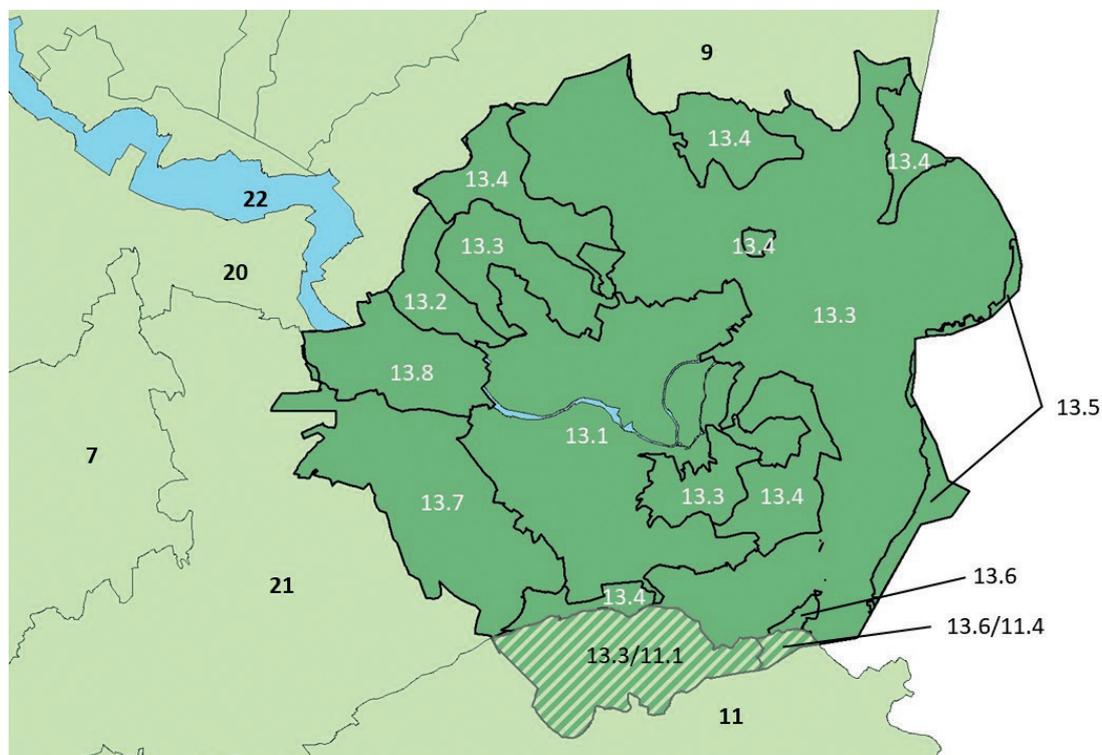


5.13 Bath and Environs (Bathscape) Forest of Avon and Cotswolds AONB



Map Ref: 13.1 City of Bath (World Heritage Site)

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on ASNW first.
- b. Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration, where this does conflict with WHS designation and also priority habitats.
- c. Establish individual and groups of trees, and small woodlands to create tree and woodland corridors which consolidate the broad woodland framework extending south of the city centre to the Bath skyline and then on to Claverton Down and Combe Down. Ensure detailed design fits with WHS designation, conserves priority habitats, bat corridors, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- d. Establish individual and groups of trees, and small woodlands to extend loose treed corridors, linking north from the city centre to Fairfield Park and Primrose Hill. Ensure detailed design fits with WHS designation, conserves priority habitats, bat corridors, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- e. Establish individual and groups of trees, and small woodlands to extend a loose treed corridor extending north east from the city centre to the Bath skyline and then linking with existing woodlands from Grosvenor to Batheaston. Ensure detailed design fits with WHS designation, conserves priority habitats, bat corridors, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- f. Establish individual and groups of trees and small woodlands within parks and greenspaces addressing inequalities in tree canopy cover and with a strong community dimension to their location, size and care. Ensure detailed design conforms with management plans, landscape and heritage requirements in designated historic parks and gardens.
- g. Establish individual and groups of trees and small woodlands within primary and secondary school grounds, with school responsibility for their care.
- h. Establish individual and small groups of trees in/ adjacent to streets, addressing inequalities in tree canopy cover and with a strong community dimension to their location, size and care. Ensure

street tree proposals within the city are assessed against World Heritage Site (WHS) outstanding universal values.

- i. Establish trees along the river Avon westwards from Bath Bus Station, including within riverside developments.
- j. Establish individual and groups of trees and small woodlands on private land, with strong involvement of businesses and their staff, whilst ensuring that small woodlands accord with WHS designation and outstanding universal values.
- k. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
- l. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow.

 **Map Ref: 13.2**
Escarpment (ESC1) (Cotswold AONB Landscape Strategy Area 2: Escarpment).

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery.
- b. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site, and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting. **Any new planting should take into account the WHS Setting SPD recommendations and reflect the detailed guidance set out in Cotswold AONB Landscape Strategy Area 2: Escarpment**, including landscape character and views. New planting must not obscure views from historically important viewpoints.
- c. Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
- d. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- e. Conserve and restore dry stone walls, with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes.
- f. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

 **Map Ref: 13.3**
Enclosed Limestone Valley (ELV 1-8) (Cotswold AONB Landscape Strategy Area 4: Enclosed Limestone Valley).

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on the number of ASNW, PAWS and Inwood SSSI first.
- b. Buffer ASNW and PAWS by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- c. Establish small native woodlands linking existing woodlands on the upper and steeper slopes on enclosed valleys, particularly Northend, St. Catherine's and the Cam and Midford Brook valleys. Ensure conservation of priority habitats, bat corridors, historic monuments and viewpoints. Maintain character of long views from Bath, and consider the findings of the Bath and North East Somerset landscape sensitivity assessment for trees and woodlands.
- d. Establish small native woodlands extending the valley side woodland framework of the Avon and By Brook valleys, whilst ensuring conservation of priority habitats, bat corridors, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- e. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting. **Any new planting should reflect the detailed guidance set out in Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy Area 4: Enclosed Limestone Valley and emerging B&NES landscape guidance.**
- f. Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
- g. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- h. Conserve and restore dry stone walls, with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes.
- i. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

 **Map Ref: 13.4**
High Wold Dip Slope (HWDS 1-5)
(Cotswold AONB Landscape
Strategy Area 7: High Wold).

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on the number of ASNW and PAWS first.
- b. Buffer ASNW and PAWS by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- c. Ensure conservation of priority habitats, bat corridors, historic monuments and viewpoints. Maintain character of long-views from Bath.
- d. Ensure any new development is linked to planting of individual and groups of trees within each developed site and where considered appropriate by the AONB Team, off-site woodland planting, wider biodiversity and access improvements related to scale and impact.
- e. **Any new planting should reflect the detailed guidance set out in Cotswold AONB Landscape Strategy Area 7: High Wold and emerging B&NES landscape guidance. Amongst other things, they would need to reflect the open character of this area of protected landscape and the historic pattern of woodlands and settlements.**
- f. Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
- g. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- h. Conserve and restore dry stone walls, with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes.
- i. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

 **Map Ref: 13.5**
Dip Slope Lowlands (DSL1) (Cotswold
AONB Landscape
Strategy Area 11: Dip Slope Lowlands)

- a. Buffer adjacent ASNW, PAWS and Inwood SSSI by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.

- b. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
- c. Any new planting should reflect the detailed guidance set out in Cotswold AONB Landscape Strategy Area 11: Dip Slope Lowlands.
- d. Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
- e. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- f. Conserve and restore dry stone walls, with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes.
- g. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

 **Map Ref: 13.6**
Low Limestone Plateau (LLP1) (Cotswold
AONB Landscape Character Area 13:
Low Limestone Plateau)

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on the ASNW first.
- b. Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- c. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
- d. **Any new planting should reflect the detailed guidance set out in [Cotswold AONB Landscape Strategy Area 13: Low Limestone Plateau](#).**
- e. Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
- f. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- g. Conserve and restore dry stone walls, with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes.
- h. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

**Map Ref: 13.7****Eroded Plateau and Valleys (EPV1)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on the number of ASNW first.
 - b. Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
 - c. Establish small woodlands appropriate to landscape character and especially landform, in a corridor between Englishcombe and Priston, avoiding Grade 2 agricultural land and conserving priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints. Follow guidance in emerging B&NES landscape sensitivity assessment for tree and woodlands.
 - d. Establish small native woodlands and/or areas of natural regeneration on the fringe of Odd Down, whilst conserving the open setting of the Wansdyke, other historic monuments and viewpoints.
 - e. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
 - f. Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes and which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
 - g. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries. Initial focus on river and stream valleys, managing and planting trees to manage water quality, flood risk and enhance biodiversity.
 - h. Conserve and restore dry stone walls, with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes.
 - i. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.
- c. Work with the owners of Kelston Park to support conservation of wood pasture, mature field trees, woodlands, hedgerows and walled boundaries, in accordance with requirements of the management plan for the registered historic park Replacement planting of individual trees to reflect species already present.
 - d. Work with the owners of Newton Park to support conservation of wood pasture, mature field trees, woodlands, hedgerows and walled boundaries, in accordance with the requirements of the management plan for the registered historic park. Replacement planting of individual trees to reflect species already present.
 - e. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
 - f. Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes and which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
 - g. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
 - h. Conserve and restore dry stone walls, with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes.
 - i. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

**Map Ref: 13.8****Settled Open River Valley (SORV1)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on the number of ASNW first.
- b. Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.