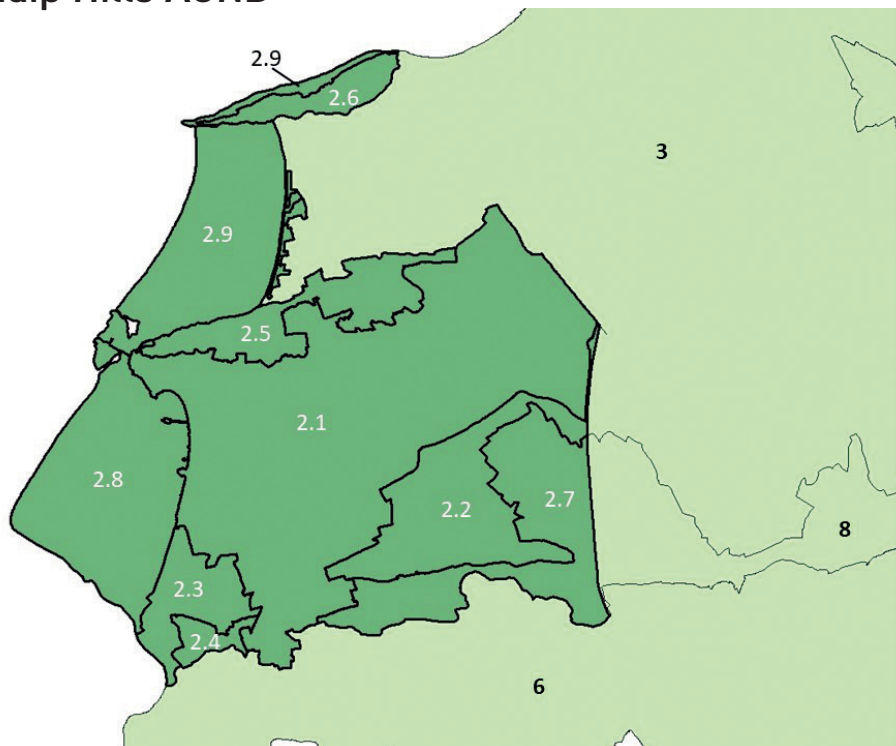


## 5.2 Weston-Super-Mare and Environs Forest of Avon and Mendip Hills AONB



### Map Ref: 2.1 Weston-super-Mare

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery.
- b. Establish native trees and shrubs within greenspaces in across Weston-super-Mare through the rewilding project, working with residents to deliver this.
- c. Establish small, irregular groups of native large willow on the south side of the A370 between West Wick and the A371, adding landscape character and screening urban development, whilst retaining outward views and conserving Coastal and Floodplain Grazing Marsh priority habitat.
- d. 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.
- e. Establish individual and groups of trees and small woodlands within primary and secondary school grounds, with school responsibility for their care.
- f. 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.
- g. Establish individual and groups of trees and small woodlands on private land, with strong involvement of businesses and their staff. Include a focus on the A370 corridor between the A371 junction and the town centre.
- h. 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.
- j. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow.



**Map Ref: 2.2**  
**Locking and Banwell Moors (NSC A4)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery.
- b. Conserve willow pollards, re-pollarding these as necessary to ensure long-term contribution to landscape character and as a farm timber resource. Establish small, irregular groups of native large willow adjacent to watercourses.
- 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. Where development is to take place at scale ensure that trees, woodland and other green infrastructure is planned in advance and not piecemeal, to maximise benefits.
- 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 field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- f. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow



**Map Ref: 2.3**  
**Weston Bay Settled Coastal Edge (NSC C1)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery.
- b. Work with hospital and other landowners to support conservation of woodland belts and landscape trees, establishing individual or small groups of trees on hospital and other private land linked to existing landscape character, with strong involvement of staff.
- 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. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow



**Map Ref: 2.4**  
**Mendip Ridges and Combes (part of NSC E1)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery.
- b. In the context of AONB guidance, ensure any permitted development conserves and enhances the natural beauty of the Mendip Hills AONB by the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact; and includes off-site tree and woodland planting of appropriate species in accordance with the Mendip Hills AONB's Tree Planting Guide and relevant Nature Recovery plans.
- c. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow.



**Map Ref: 2.5**  
**Worlebury Ridges and Combes (NSC E2)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Start with ASNW.
- b. Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- c. Conserve Worlebury Hill Fort, opening out its setting through a programme tree felling approved by Historic England. Manage remainder of Worlebury Wood to maintain its coherence as a landscape feature whilst providing outward views.
- d. Establish small woodlands and/or areas for natural regeneration to consolidate the narrow woodland corridors (including an ASNW) on the eastern ridge, whilst ensuring conservation of priority habitats, 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. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow.



**Map Ref: 2.6**

**Middlehope Ridges and Combes  
(Part of NSC E3)**

- a. Manage scrub in sheltered areas in line with a wider management plan for the SSSIs and Ramsar site.
- b. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow



**Map Ref: 2.7**

**River Yeo Rolling Valley Farmland  
(part of NSC J2)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current 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.
- c. Establish groups of trees and small woodlands, extending hillside woodland corridor onto sloping land, whilst ensuring conservation of bat corridors, priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- d. 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.
- 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 field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- g. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow.



**Map Ref: 2.8**

**Weston Bay (NSC L1)**

Not appropriate for trees and woodlands.



**Map Ref: 2.9**

**Sand Bay (NSC L2)**

Not appropriate for trees and woodlands.