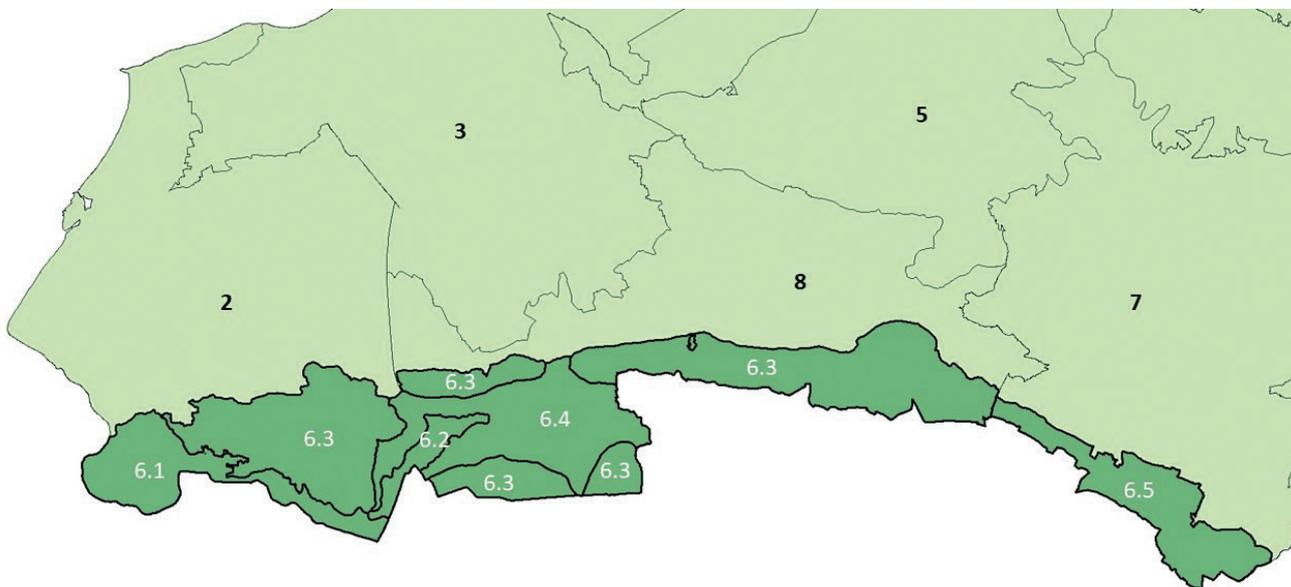


5.6 Mendip Slopes, Lox Yeo Vale and Bleadon Hill Forest of Avon and Mendip Hills AONB



Map Ref: 6.1 Bleadon Moor (NSC A5)

- 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.
- Work with Thatcher's Cider to ensure maximum integration of commercial orchards into the wider landscape.
- 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.
- Conserve hedgerow field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- Conserve and restore dry stone walls, with an initial focus on those outside grant schemes.
- Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

Map Ref: 6.2 Lox Yeo River Floodplain (NSC B2)

- 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.
- 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.
- Conserve hedgerow field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

 **Map Ref: 6.3**
Mendip Ridges and Combes (NSC E1)

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on significant number of ASNW first.
- b. Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- c. Establish new native woodlands linking existing woodlands, creating a wider woodland corridor along the northern fringe of the Mendip Hills, whilst ensuring conservation of bat corridors, priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- d. Establish new native woodland and/or broad hedgerow boundaries on the east side of Loxton Hill to consolidate the woodland corridor from the north to south sides of Bleadon Hill, reflecting landscape considerations, bat corridors, priority habitats and historic monuments and viewpoints.
- e. Establish new native woodland and/or broad hedgerow boundaries linking across the 'Sandford Gap' to consolidate the woodland corridor running along the northern fringe of the Mendip Hills.
- f. Establish new native woodland linking across the 'Star Gap' to create a corridor between woodlands running along the northern fringe of the Mendip Hills and the northern fringe of Wavering Down.
- g. Establish new native woodland linking across the 'Aldwick Gap' to 5.2 to create a woodland corridor between the northern fringe of the Mendip Hills and extensive woodland complex in 5.2 linking Wrington, Congresbury and Flax Bourton.
- h. In the context of AONB guidance, ensure permitted development is linked to conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, off-site tree and woodland planting.
- i. Ensure any development is linked to planting of individual and groups of trees of appropriate species within each developed site and, also to off-site woodland planting of appropriate species and access improvements related to scale and impact, in accordance with **Mendip Hills AONB's Tree Planting Guide** and the Mendip Hills AONB Management Plan.

- j. 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.
- k. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- l. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

 **Map Ref: 6.4**
Lox Yeo Rolling Valley Farmland (NSC J1)

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery.
- b. Establish small areas of native wet woodland through natural regeneration and/or planting adjacent to existing areas, whilst conserving bat corridors, priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- c. 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.
- 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. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.

**Map Ref: 6.5****Mendip Slopes (B&NES4)**

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on significant number of ASNW first.
- b. Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- c. Establish new native woodlands linking existing woodlands, creating a wider woodland corridor along the northern fringe of the Mendip Hills, whilst ensuring conservation of bat corridors, priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- d. Conserve and enhance small orchards often associated with villages, prioritising those not covered by grant schemes, working to maintain locally distinctive varieties and extend these whilst conserving bat corridors, priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
- e. 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.
- 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. Also conserve walled boundaries.
- g. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- h. Ensure that public access routes are easy to use and follow.