



Environment Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 30

PART 6

NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY

Local nature recovery strategies

107 Information to be provided by the Secretary of State

- (1) For the purpose of assisting responsible authorities in their preparation of local nature recovery strategies, the Secretary of State must prepare and publish a national habitat map for England.
- (2) The national habitat map must in particular identify—
 - (a) national conservation sites, and
 - (b) other areas that in the opinion of the Secretary of State are of particular importance for biodiversity.
- (3) The Secretary of State may from time to time review and republish the national habitat map.
- (4) The Secretary of State must inform a responsible authority of any area in the authority's strategy area which falls within subsection (5).
- (5) An area falls within this subsection if in the Secretary of State's opinion—
 - (a) the area could be of greater importance for biodiversity, or is an area where the recovery or enhancement of biodiversity could make a contribution to other environmental benefits, and
 - (b) the area could contribute to the establishment of a network of areas across England for the recovery and enhancement of biodiversity in England as a whole.
- (6) The Secretary of State must provide a responsible authority with any other information—

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- (a) that is held by the Secretary of State, and
- (b) that the Secretary of State considers might assist the authority in preparing a local nature recovery strategy.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 107 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 147\(3\)](#)
- I2** [S. 107](#) in force at 24.1.2022 by [S.I. 2022/48](#), [reg. 2\(n\)](#)

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