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1.1.1 Landscape Conservation Action Plan

Every Landscape Partnership must produce a Landscape Conservation Action Plan (LCAP). This becomes the 'manifesto' for the landscape, its people and its communities. The LCAP becomes the focus of the Partnership's development phase embodying the shared aspirations and intentions of the partners and providing a coherent vision for the delivery period and beyond.

1.1.2 Scope of the Elan Links Landscape Conservation Action Plan

The Elan Links LCAP has been developed and written between the period of August 2016 and June 2017. It is the result of work carried out in the development year. A significant amount of resource has been invested to ensure that the LCAP is fit for purpose. It will be reviewed mid-way through the delivery period to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

1.1.3 Use of the Landscape Conservation Action Plan

The LCAP will form a key document for the following audiences:

- ✦ The HLF: Through the details set out in the LCAP, the HLF are able to understand what the Landscape Partnership scheme are trying to achieve and are able to monitor the progress of the partnership towards the delivery;
- ✦ Elan Links Partnership Board: The LCAP sets out how each delivery partner will carry out their project(s), how each of the projects interlinks and what should be achieved through the project. The LCAP will provide a way of tracking the progress and success of the various projects and will be a key tool when monitoring and evaluating the scheme;
- ✦ Delivery partners: The LCAP provides each of the delivery partners with details of the delivery of their projects and clearly sets out the outcomes, outputs and costs that they need to achieve. It also sets out the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms that should be followed;
- ✦ Other stakeholders: The LCAP sets out how Elan Links: People, Nature & Water intends to create a lasting and sustainable legacy for Elan's landscape and communities, showing the wide range of organisations that can be involved to help the partnership achieve its ambitions;
- ✦ Wider public: The LCAP provides the local residents and landowners with a clear understanding of what areas of Elan's landscape are important and why. It also reflects what the visitors and residents have asked for through community engagement.

Once this document is approved by the HLF, it will be distributed widely and will be published on the Elan Links website, as well as being available through the partners.

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1.1.4 Outline of the contents of the Elan Links LCAP

The Elan Links LCAP is structured as follows:

Chapter 2: Understanding the Elan Links Area

This chapter contains a detailed explanation of the unique landscape character found at Elan and justification of the Elan Links project boundary.

Chapter 3: Statement of Significance

This chapter explains what is important about the range of heritage at Elan, to whom and why.

Chapter 4: Threats and Opportunities

This chapter details all identified threats to Elan's heritage and the opportunities that arise.

Chapter 5: Overview of the Elan Links Scheme

This chapter details the overarching vision for the Elan Links: People, Nature & Water Landscape Partnership and its implementation through a framework of strategic aims and objectives.

Chapter 6: Scheme Plan and Costs

This chapter details the structure of the Elan Links Scheme and summarises the individual projects in terms of outputs and costs and what audiences they target/will benefit.

Chapter 7: Monitoring and Evaluation

This chapter details how the partnership will monitor the projects to ensure that they deliver the agreed outputs.

Chapter 8: Sustainability and Legacy

This chapter details our commitment to ensure that activities are sustainable after the delivery period, to ensure benefits for people and nature at Elan.

1.1.5 Supporting LCAP documents

Alongside the Elan Links LCAP there are a number of supporting documents which have been prepared and should be read, in conjunction with this Plan. These are included in the Appendices and are referred to as necessary throughout this document. They will also be made available on the Elan Links website once finalised with the HLF.

Appendix LCAP1: Landscape Character Assessment;

Appendix LCAP2: Access and Recreation Plan;

Appendix LCAP3: Audience Development Plan;

Appendix LCAP4: Interpretation Strategy;

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Appendix LCAP5: Elan Links Partnership Agreement;

Appendix LCAP6: Communications Strategy;

Appendix LCAP7: Monitoring and Evaluation Report;

Appendix LCAP8: Volunteering Strategy;

Appendix LCAP9: Community Engagement Log; and

Appendix LCAP10: Heritage at Risk Report.