

LAND & NATURE

Strand	Action	Action Summary	Date	Status	Activity Summary
Ecological Emergency	LN1	Produce ecological emergency plan	2023	On track	An Ecological Emergency Action Plan has been produced by the Wilder Calderdale partnership, setting out clear ambitions and actions for the restoration of habitats, such as peatlands, grasslands, woodlands, rivers and waterways, and making space for nature in the built environment.
Ecological Emergency	LN2	Collect and collate species and habitat condition data to inform ecological planning	2023	On track	Data on habitats and species has been acquired and is being used to inform ecological plans and conservation. Where there are knowledge gaps, we are working with partners to plug them. To some extent, this will be a continuous action, as there is always a need for more up-to-date data.
Restoring Peatland	LN3	Work with organisations to support peatland restoration through research, awareness and resources	2023 onwards	Work underway	A landowner engagement strategy is currently being produced to inform habitat restoration efforts.
Restoring Peatland	LN4	Work with landowners to restore peatland	2023 onwards	Work underway	A landowner engagement strategy is currently being produced to inform habitat restoration efforts.
Restoring Peatland	LN5	Promote peat-free horticulture	2023 onwards	On track	Calderdale Council has successfully eliminated the use of peat across its horticulture operations and issued a press release to promote peat-free horticulture.
Slowing the Flow	LN6	Increase NFM capacity	2023 onwards	On track	A new partnership project looking at large-scale landscape recovery. 'Calder and Colne Landscape Links' has created five new jobs in Calderdale, funded by DEFRA. The Council has awarded grants to support four organisations working in this area, including the community owned Bridestones Moor. A new round of grants for landowners launches in December 2024.
Farming for the Future	LN7	Work with landowners to improve ecological land management for nature, soil health and flood risk where appropriate	2026	Work underway	A landowner engagement strategy is currently being produced to inform habitat restoration efforts.
Farming for the Future	LN8	Assess carbon impact of Calderdale's land use and identify opportunities for change	2026	Work underway	A natural capital audit is being developed, supported by Natural England. This will include carbon and other indicators, e.g. air quality and water.
Farming for the Future	LN9	Support access to local, sustainable food	2024 onwards	Work underway	Calderdale Food Network has hosted several local food gatherings. A food strategy is being developed. Calderdale is one of seven areas selected to explore Landed Community Kitchens, a research project by Coventry University.
Absorbing Carbon	LN10	Conserve and enhance existing woodlands	2026	Work underway	Calderdale Council has recently inputted into Yorkshire Water's woodland strategy. A landowner engagement strategy is also currently being produced to inform habitat restoration efforts.
Absorbing Carbon	LN11	Increase tree canopy coverage	2026	Work underway	National Trust and Yorkshire Water are currently performing clough woodland restoration at a number of locations in Calderdale and tree planting is ongoing on Council land. Partners are also updating the Calderdale White Rose Forest Plan to inform woodland creation across the borough.