

Access To Nature

Yorkshire and Humber – Regional Priorities for Funding 2008/09

Introduction

The Yorkshire and Humber Region covers approximately 15,400km² comprising North, South and West Yorkshire, the East Riding of Yorkshire and North and North East Lincolnshire. 5 million people live in the Yorkshire and Humber Region, with around 80% of people living in urban areas and 20% in rural areas. Around 86% of the region is rural with a huge range of land types from the mountains and moorland of the Pennines down to the coast of the North Sea. Approximately 76% of the land is in agricultural use. For more information please see the [Natural England](#) or the [Yorkshire Futures](#) internet sites.

This document identifies areas and beneficiaries that are seen as a particular priority for Natural England's (NE) Access to Nature programme in the Yorkshire and Humber Region. These regional priorities reflect the national programme's priorities, targets and outcomes, further informed by regional knowledge and evidence.

The purpose of the plan is:

- 1) To encourage applicants to develop proposals that will deliver the identified priorities within the limited budgets for the Access to Nature Scheme.
- 2) To aid the assessment process to ensure that projects are targeted in accordance with the priorities described in the plan.

It should be noted that the plan is not a mechanism for approving (or not approving) individual applications, which will all be considered on their own merits.

This statement will be reviewed annually, to keep abreast of changes to survey data, local uptake of the scheme and alternative funding.

Applicants should first meet all the **eligibility criteria** of the scheme. Applications should also accord with the scheme's **priorities, outcomes and targets**. Please refer to the website for full details of the application and assessment process as described in the General Guidance notes : <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature/>.

To increase the chances of a successful application you are advised to read through the priorities in this targeting statement. Applicants should note that this is a qualitative process – applications do not need to address all the targets described. This list is not exhaustive, and many proposals not covered by the targeting statement may still receive funding.

Applicants are required and encouraged to submit their own evidence of need in support of their application. As Access to Nature is an open application scheme, the onus is on the applicant to demonstrate that their proposal will benefit those who currently have a low level of access, and / or engagement, with the natural environment.

Applicants are encouraged to speak with their local Natural England adviser before they commit to the time and expense of applying for grant aid. Contacts are listed at Annex A.

1. Geographic Target Areas

- 1). Applications will be prioritised geographically. Those that address the needs of communities in the 10% most deprived urban and 10% most deprived rural wards by Super Output Area identified through the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) statistics will be a priority. We will use standard census data to identify these

locations. IMD lists and Maps by super output area are available at Annex B. Map 1 shows the 10% most deprived and urban and rural super output areas in the Yorkshire and Humber region.

2). Applications which address environmental deprivation and the lack of provision of freely accessible green space, or provide opportunities for volunteering and community involvement where areas of existing accessible green space exist in the 10% of most deprived urban and rural areas will be a priority.

Natural England are developing regional maps to show the main areas of access provision to natural greenspace. Using this information Appendix B Map 2 identifies the 10% most deprived Urban and Rural wards and their accessibility to natural greenspace. From this both areas of provision and deficiency can be identified. More localised local authority maps are available in folder 'Yorkshire & Humber Local Authority Maps'. Annex B Map 3 shows the Regional Designations of Accessible Greenspace.

3). Where Local Nature Reserve provision is less than 1 hectare per 1000 of population, the region will target these areas. These include the following Local Authority Areas: Barnsley, Bradford, Doncaster, East Yorkshire, Hambleton, Harrogate, Kingston upon Hull, Kirklees, Leeds, Rotherham, Ryedale, Scarborough, Selby and York.

4). Applications aimed at communities outside the most deprived 10% will need to make a case for mitigating factors or provide additional supporting information.

The application will need to show local justification if the general area falls outside the most deprived 10% urban and rural wards. Supporting evidence could be in the form of:

- community consultations,
- local health statistics,
- maps to show lack of access to greenspace,
- evidence of low community involvement,
- poor access to vocational training,
- parish plans and
- letters of support from local groups.

2. Priority Groups

1). People currently under-represented in terms of contact with the natural environment including disabled people, the young, black and ethnic minority communities, older people.

2). Communities and individuals experiencing social exclusion through disability, unemployment, age or economic disadvantage.

3). People disadvantaged by where they live through lack of access to the natural environment.

Key Regional Strategies

The above priority groups can be identified thematically through reference to the DWP report [Opportunity for All](#) and the Natural England [Diversity Review](#).

Applicants are advised to consider how their applications fit with the key themes, aims and objectives of the following Regional Strategies:

[Regional Spatial Strategy](#)

[Regional Forestry Strategy](#)

[Regional Strategic Framework](#)

[Regional Sustainable Development Framework](#)

[Regional Health Strategy](#)

Consideration should also be given to your Local Strategic Partnerships. These in conjunction with Local Authorities should have a Sustainable Community Strategy in place, which should be focused on integrating social, economic and environmental issues. Reference could also be made to local Greenspace Strategies, Local Development Frameworks, Bio-diversity Action Plans, Rights of Way Improvement Plans and Area Action Plans.

Although projects should address at least one of the priorities highlighted in this statement, applications will be considered for projects outside these priority areas where a good case for funding can be made.

We accept IMD statistics may not reveal full and detailed local issues. Statutory authorities, agencies and delivery bodies will often have highlighted these. We will take account of such information where possible, but it is down to the applicant to demonstrate the need for the project and supply supporting information.

Annex A – Contact Details

Scheme website: www.naturalengland.org.uk and www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/

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Other Changing Spaces Big Lottery Grant Schemes

1. Groundwork Community Spaces

Address: Groundwork UK : Lockside, 5 Scotland Street, Birmingham, B1 2RR
Telephone: 0121 236 8565
Email: info@community-spaces.org.uk
Web page: www.community-spaces.org.uk.

2. Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts 'Local Food' scheme

Email: localfood@rswt.org
Web address: www.rswt.org/localfood

3. Building Research Establishment's 'Community Sustainable Energy Programme'

Email: info@communitysustainable.org.uk
Web address: www.communitysustainable.org.uk

4. Mind 'Ecominds' programme

Web address: www.mind.org.uk/ecominds

Other Grant Schemes and Funding Providers

Please note this list is advisory only.

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/
[Heritage Lottery Fund](#)
[Awards for All](#)
[Landfill Communities Fund](#)
[Defra](#)
[Breathing Spaces](#)
[Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund](#)

There are many local area based initiatives which cover part regions or specific areas. To find out about these visit the [Regional Co-ordination Unit Area Based Initiative website](#).

Useful Links:

[South Yorkshire Partnership Forum](#)
[York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit](#)
[Yorkshire Futures](#)
[Yorkshire and Humber Public Health Observatory](#)
[Commission for Rural Communities](#)
[Natural England Health pages](#)
[Yorkshire Forward](#)
[Indices of Deprivation 2007](#)
[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)
[Groundwork UK](#)
[British Trust for Conservation Volunteers \(BTCV\)](#)

[The Wildlife Trusts](#)

[National Association for Voluntary and Community Action \(NAVCA\)](#)

County Council and Unitary Authority Web pages:

[Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

[Bradford Metropolitan District Council](#)

[Calderdale Council](#)

[City Of York Council](#)

[Craven District Council](#)

[Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

[East Riding of Yorkshire Council](#)

[Hambleton District Council](#)

[Harrogate Borough Council](#)

[Kingston upon Hull City Council](#)

[Kirklees Council](#)

[Leeds City Council](#)

[North East Lincolnshire Council](#)

[North Lincolnshire Council](#)

[North Yorkshire County Council](#)

[Richmondshire District Council](#)

[Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

[Ryedale District Council](#)

[Scarborough Borough Council](#)

[Selby District Council](#)

[Sheffield City Council](#)

[Wakefield Metropolitan District Council](#)

National Park Web pages:

[North Yorkshire Moors National Park](#)

[Peak District National Park](#)

[Yorkshire Dales National Park](#)

Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards (ANGSt)

[Background](#)

[Documentation and guidance 1](#)

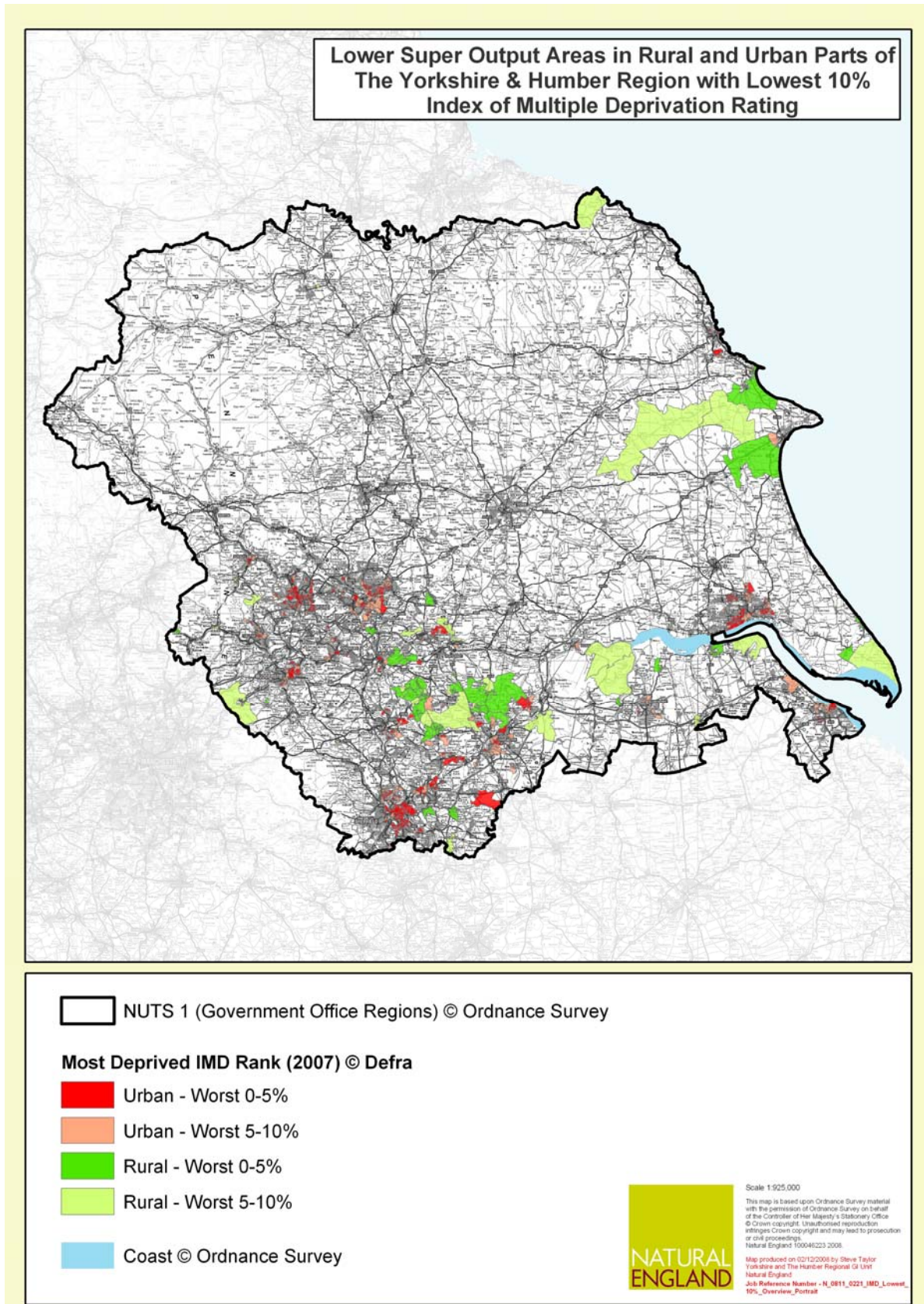
[Documentation and Guidance 2](#)

Planning Policy Guidance (PPG)

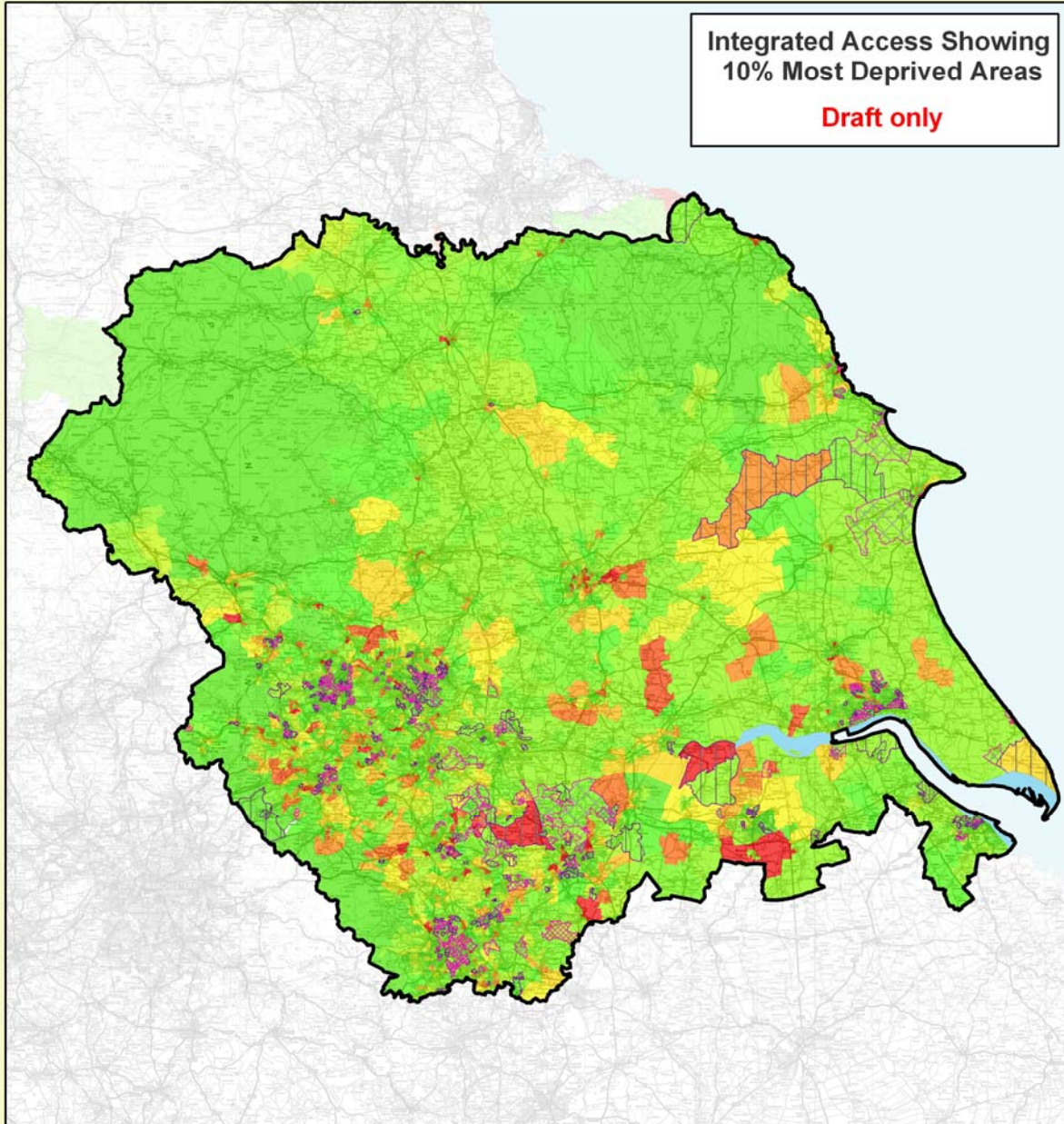
[Planning Policy Guidance 17](#)

Annex B – Data

1. Map of Index of Multiple Deprivation to show the 10% Most Deprived and Urban and Rural Super Output Areas in the Yorkshire and Humber region.



2. Map of Index of Multiple Deprivation to show the most deprived 10% Urban and Rural Wards against Integrated Access.



Integrated Access by LSOA © Natural England		Most Deprived IMD Rank (2007) © Defra	
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Scale 1:925,000

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3. Map to show the Regional Designations of Accessible Greenspace.

