

NEWP32 Transport green corridors: literature review, options appraisal and opportunity mapping

Annex 3 - The Mosaic Approach

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The Mosaic Approach

The Mosaic Approach has been developed by Natural England in consultation with partners and is core to securing the species aims of 'Biodiversity 2020' (Defra, 2011). The approach works alongside and compliments existing targeted species-specific conservation action, and can be applied both to specific sites as well as across a wider landscape.

The Mosaic Approach is about integrating the requirements of species into habitat management, ensuring that plants and wildlife have the places they need to live and reproduce. This includes improving the structural diversity of priority habitats so they support a wider range of species and are more resilient to climate change. The approach can thus help create more resilient ecological networks within the landscape, as recommended in the 'Making Space for Nature' report (Defra, 2010).

Interactive guides for the mosaic approach (Natural England, 2013) can be accessed [here](#), including:

- Introduction to the Mosaic Approach;
- Trees and woodland mosaic;
- Lowland grassland mosaic;
- Lowland heathland mosaic;
- Brownfield mosaic;
- Coastal saltmarsh mosaic; and
- Arable farmland mosaic.

Additional Mosaic Approach guides covering rivers and streams and wetland habitats will be available shortly with an Upland guide to follow later. However, the introductory guide talks through how the approach could be applied to any habitat.

The Mosaic Approach has been embedded into the development of the new agri-environment scheme design, the the New Environmental Land Management Scheme (NELMS).