

The Wareham Arc Landscape Recovery Project

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Landscape Recovery

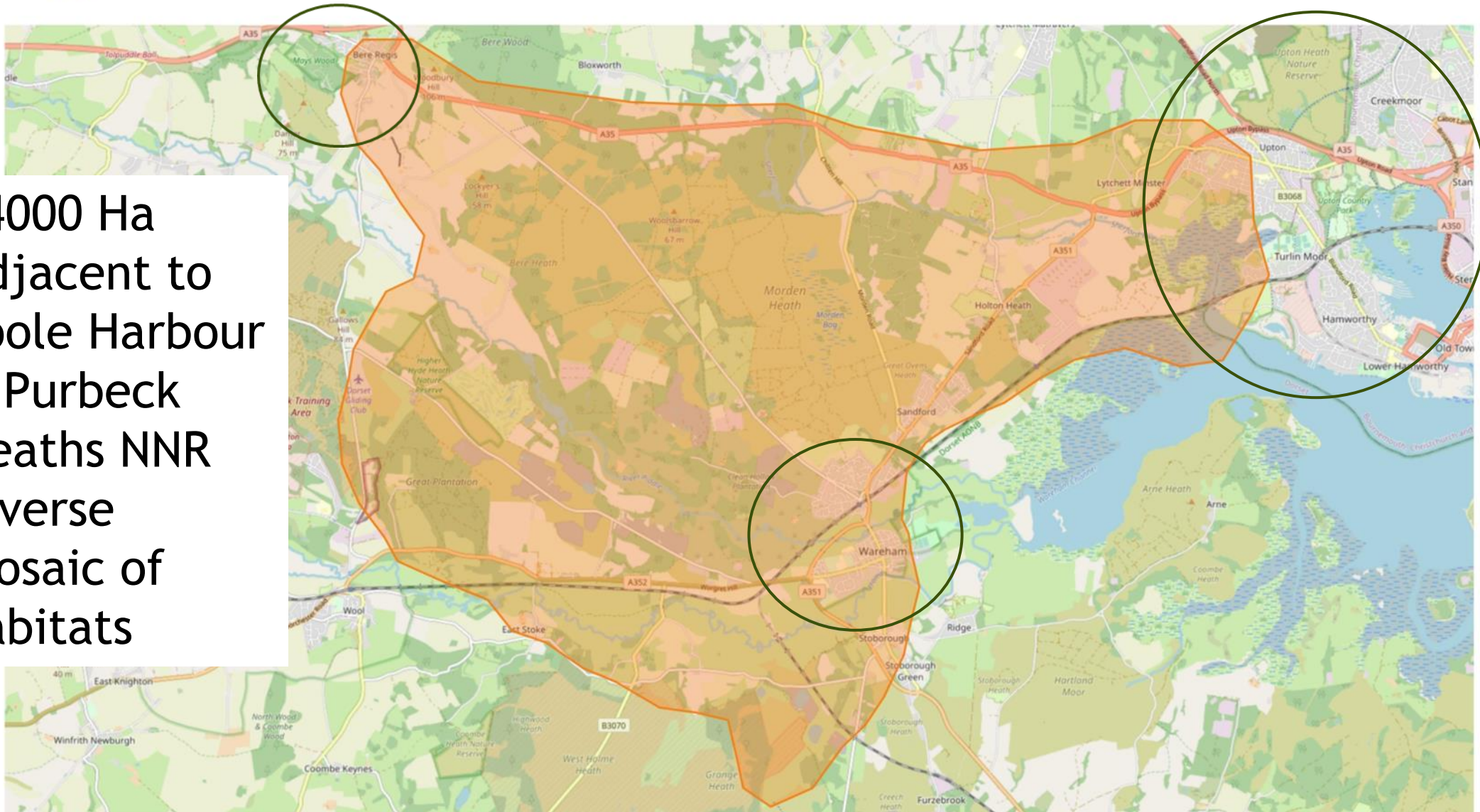


DEFRA's Landscape Recovery Scheme

- ▶ Post-Brexit agricultural transition plan
- ▶ Sustainable Farming Incentives (SFI),
Local Nature Recovery (LNR)/
Countryside Stewardship (CS),
Landscape Recovery (LR)
- ▶ Landscape Recovery is for ambitious
projects that bring farmers and
landowners together across 500Ha+
- ▶ Wareham Arc is a Round 1 LR project



- ~4000 Ha
- Adjacent to Poole Harbour & Purbeck Heaths NNR
- Diverse mosaic of habitats



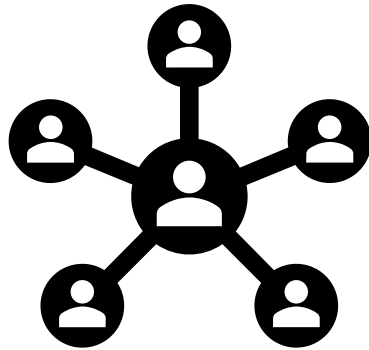
The vision

- ▶ **Natural processes** are restored, creating a **dynamic** and **resilient** landscape
- ▶ Species are thriving, biodiversity booming
- ▶ **Increased connection** - between habitats, people and nature, and landowners and land managers
- ▶ **Nature for all** - more diverse audiences learning about nature and accessing wild spaces
- ▶ Businesses benefiting from new diverse income streams



Who is involved?

A diverse partnership of landowners and land-managers.



- ▶ Farmers
- ▶ Estates
- ▶ Education facilities
- ▶ RSPB
- ▶ Dorset Wildlife Trust
- ▶ Amphibian & Reptile Conservation
- ▶ Natural England
- ▶ Environment Agency
- ▶ Forestry England
- ▶ Even a Garden Centre!

Bringing all those people together

Whole Partnership

Steering Group

Sub-group

Sub-group

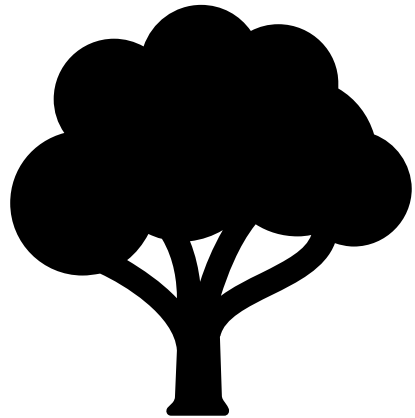
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Expected outcomes - environmental



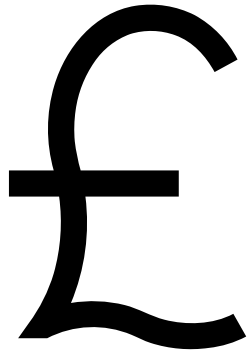
- ▶ River corridors naturalised and wetlands created
- ▶ Mires rewetted and restored
- ▶ Farmland and forestry extensification
- ▶ Heathland restoration
- ▶ Reduction in net CO₂e emissions
- ▶ Improvement in water quality
- ▶ Reduced impact from invasive species
- ▶ Increase in habitat connectivity
- ▶ Increase in species abundance and biodiversity

Expected outcomes - social



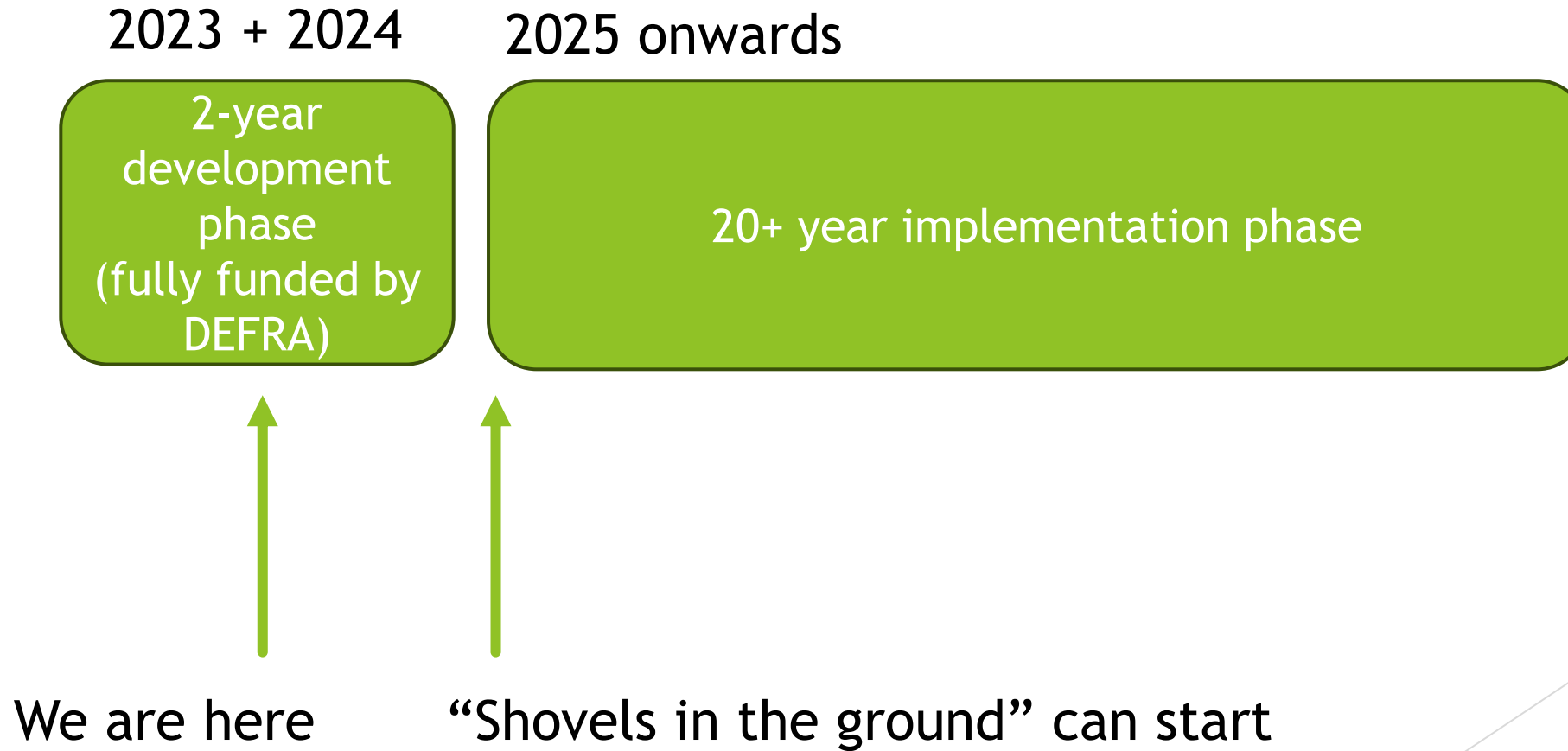
- ▶ More, and more diverse, people engaging in nature-based activities
- ▶ Recruitment of volunteers to citizen science projects
- ▶ More people benefitting from health benefits of nature connection
- ▶ New access routes created and enhanced accessibility
- ▶ Increased public understanding of land management and natural processes
- ▶ Effective partnership working

Expected outcomes - financial/business



- ▶ Investment in the partnership through public funding via Landscape Recovery scheme
- ▶ Investment in the partnership from the private sector through green finance
- ▶ New business opportunities for land-owners and managers

Project Timeline



What we are doing now

- ▶ Creating a land management plan for the whole area
- ▶ Engaging with key stakeholders and audiences
- ▶ Learning more about hydrological functioning in the area
- ▶ Setting up a single legal entity
- ▶ Exploring options for private finance
- ▶ Baselineing



Thank you for
listening.

Does anyone have any
questions?

