

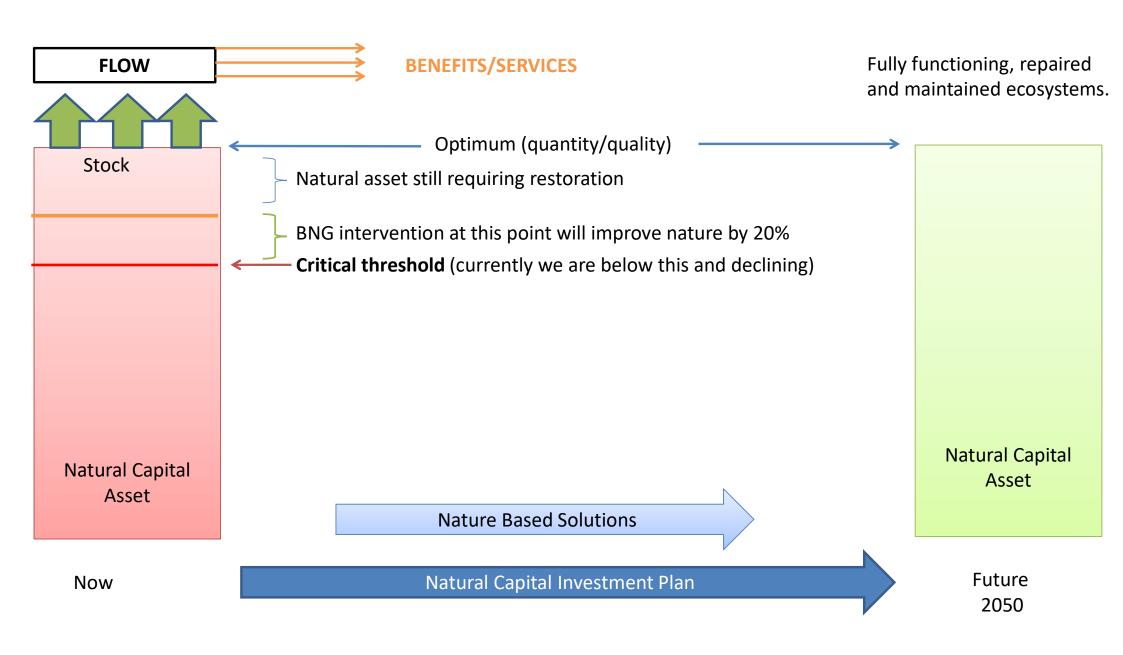


## **Surrey Wildlife Trust**

Natural Capital Investment Company – sealing the deal

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## **Surrey's Natural Capital Approach**

Sustainable management of natural capital assets; value, amount, use and Return On Investment(financial & non-financial) naturally richer **Natural Capital Natural Capital Opportunities** Investment Nature based solutions to 4 crises: **Investment Plan** for Investment Strategy Ecological, People, Climate & Economic **Regulating Services Cultural Services Provisioning Services NATURAL CAPITAL ASSETS OF SURREY Supporting Services** Decline Reversible naturally richer Irreversible **Natural Capital Natural Capital Opportunities** Investment **Investment Plan** for Investment **Strategy** 

## **Progress to date**



Surrey's Natural Capital Approach (2012)

- Nat Cap
   Asset
   Register woodlands
- Biodiversity Offsetting scope



Natural Capital Investment Strategy (2015)

- Sustainable land mgmt
- Smart economic growth
- Health & wellbeing



Natural Capital Investment Plan (2018)

- £20M investment fund
- Transformative approach NCIC
- Multi-capital approach



Surrey's Nat Cap Approach (implementation) (2019 – date)

- Naturally richer Coast to Capital (C2C)
- NEIRF1
- NEIRF2
- C2C Project 2



**UK Nature** 

Opportunities

Based on Lawton's
Principles of
'more, bigger, better &
more joined up'

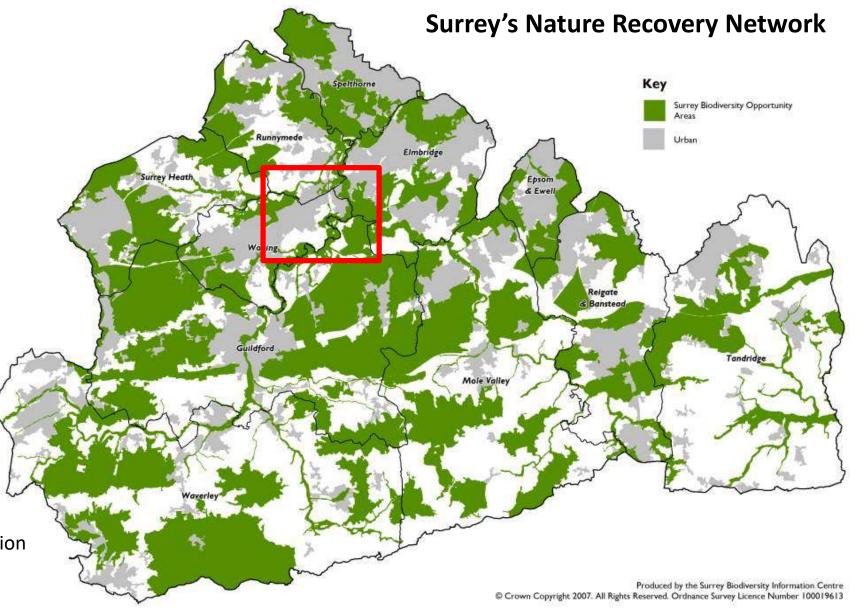
Covers 39% of Surrey

Well established with Surrey LPAs

### **Urban Opportunities**

There are now also 15 Urban BOAs to guide the implementation of green and blue infrastructure (work completed by SWT in behalf of SCC)

Manor Farm location



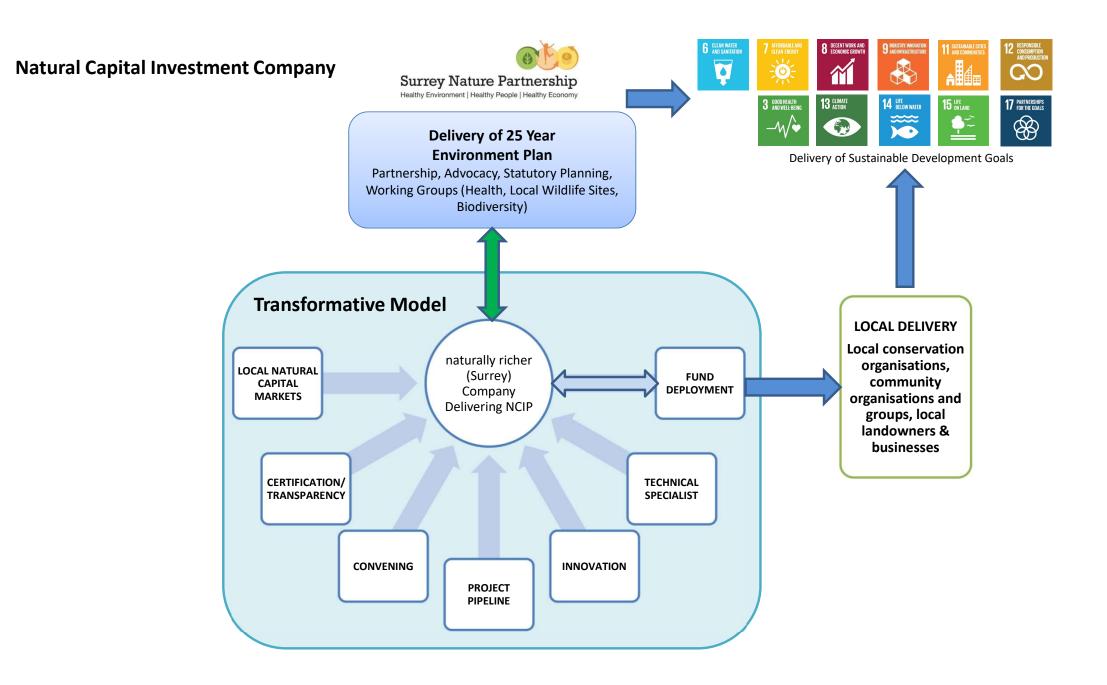


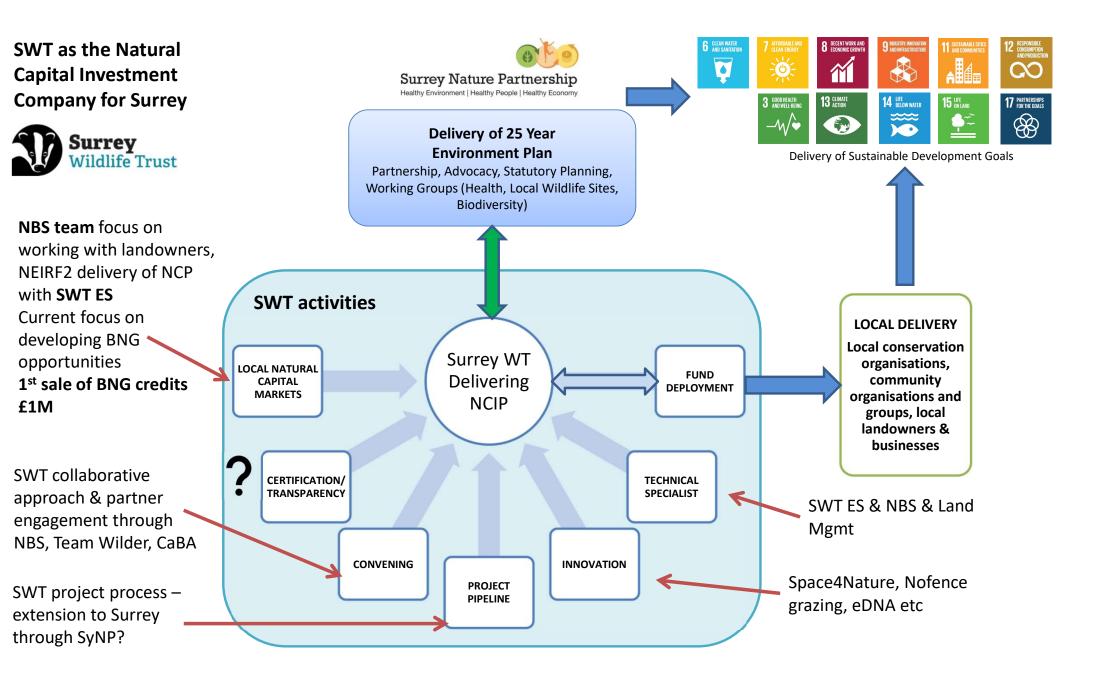
Manor Farm field layout – for this sale only credits in fields 3,4 & 6 included.

Restoration primarily improved grassland to lowland meadow





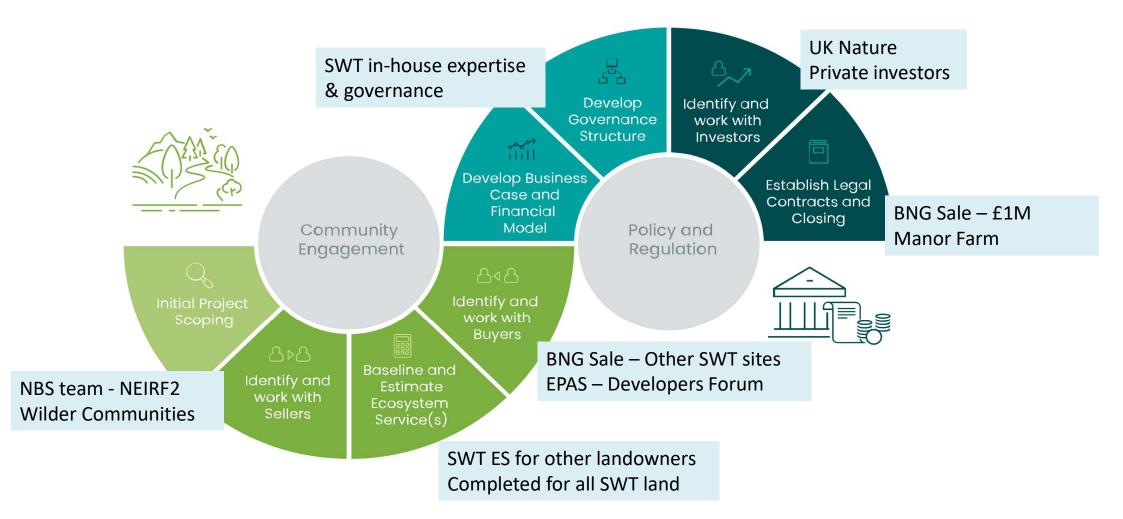




#### **Investment Readiness Toolkit**







## What next?

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT INVESTMENT READINESS FUND

#### **NEIRF 1**

- Sale of £900k BNG credits Dec 22, NCIC ~ SyWT
- Liaising with LPAs across Surrey; developing case studies & building capacity

**NEIRF 2 -** programme to prepare for blended finance opportunities & increase supply:

- Providing technical ecology & finance expertise to 6 landowners to prepare natural capital plans and facilitate entry to natural capital markets
- Further building a collaborative community of landowners & managers across Surrey who have done Baseline BNG assessments
- Accelerating the development of our project pipeline to increase investment opportunities
- Creating habitat banks which help deliver our Nature Recovery Network and beyond
- Preparing for UK Nature





# Key considerations:

- ✓ Preparation complete baseline surveys and assess availability of credits now to be fully informed when liaising with buyers. This helps target strategic required biodiversity outcomes
- ✓ Pricing full cost recovery, inflation, contingency, surplus, market price, brand value, case by case
- ✓ Ethical considerations we assess buyers in respect of our Ethical Policy, pricing and minimum 20% BNG position
- ✓ Technical capacity/capability ecological, financial inc. investment, legal, land management
- ✓ Time involved in completing a deal Manor Farm took just under a year to complete
- ✓ Turning theory into practice is key!