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Dear Partner

## **Liverpool City Region Coastal Designated Sites – Towards an Evidence Strategy?**

In September 2016, a workshop was held to discuss the evidence needs around the Coastal Designated Sites in the Liverpool City Region. The event was well-attended and momentum and goodwill was generated around the idea of developing an Evidence Strategy for these sites.

Since then some of the partners have been collating the feedback from the event and that can be found at <http://www.natureconnected.org/resource-library/>.

Partners have also been carefully considering the next steps and have prepared a draft Scoping Report for an Evidence Strategy. The draft Scoping Report is attached and can also be found at <http://www.natureconnected.org/resource-library/>.

We invite you to comment on the draft scope and in doing so we ask that you also answer the following:

- **Question 1** – Do you support and have any comments on the draft objectives for an Evidence Strategy?
- **Question 2** – A draft scope has been prepared for the Evidence Strategy. Do you have any comment, changes or additions that are necessary? If so, what are these?
- **Question 3** – It was abundantly clear from the workshop that no single individual or organisation has responsibility for data and evidence around the coastal designated sites of the Liverpool City Region. It is a collective responsibility.  
Do you / your organisation wish to be actively involved in the Evidence Partnership? How would you wish to be involved?
- **Question 4** – We are suggesting that a web-based notice board is set-up to share information and opportunities for Evidence e.g. such as draft scope of proposed studies.  
Would you use such a notice-board? What do you think should be on it? Should it be openly accessible or via managed access? How do you think a notice board should be managed? And would you be prepared to help?

- **Question 5** – The workshop brought together a wide range of partners that produce and rely on data and evidence. Would you be interested in participating and / or supporting an annual or bi-annual event to help monitoring progress and share good practice?
- **Question 6** – Finally, do you have any other comments regarding the proposed Evidence Strategy and its draft scope?

Please can you response by 30 April 2017 to: [Emily.Hardman@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Emily.Hardman@naturalengland.org.uk)

May we thank you in advance for your feedback and we look forward to developing a partnership-approach.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of the organisers:

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Environmental Advisory Service, Nature Connected (the LCR Local Nature  
Partnership) and the Heseltine Institute