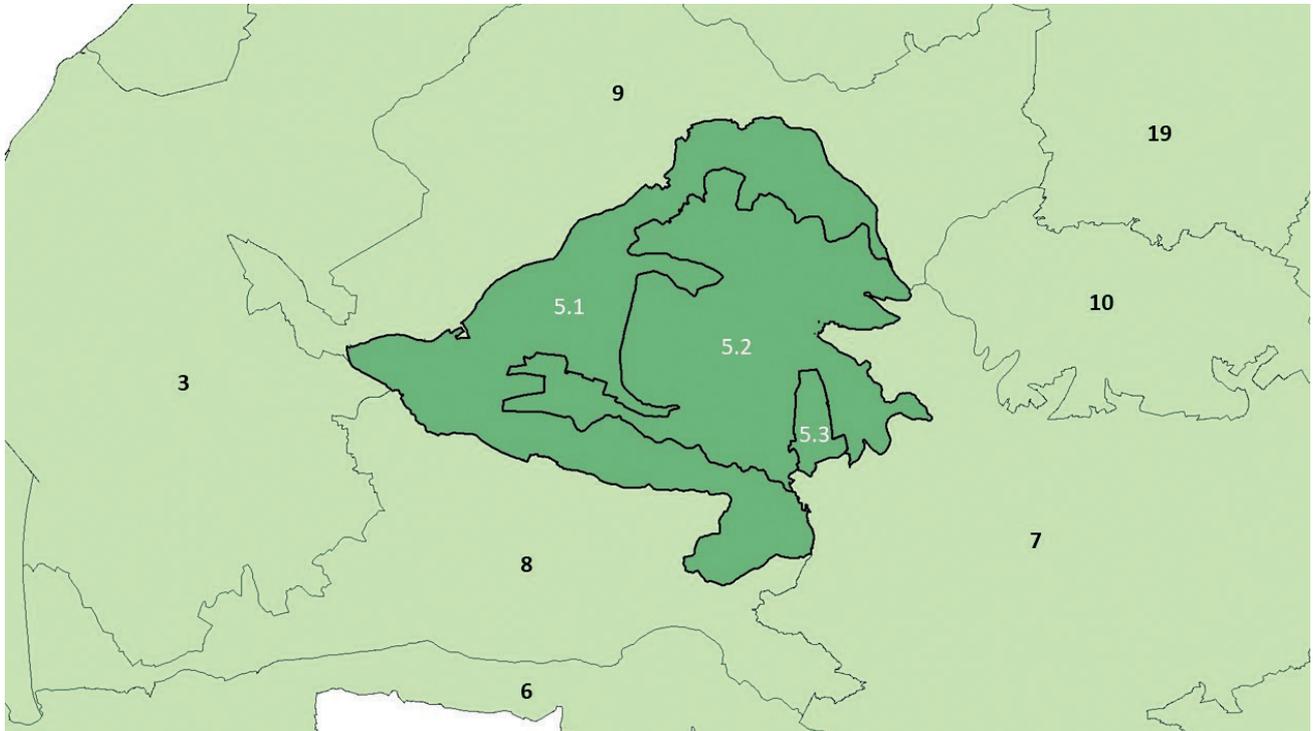


5.5 North Somerset Open Plateau, Wooded Slopes

Forest of Avon



Map Ref: 5.1 **Cleeve Ridges and Combes (NSC E6)**

- Ensure all other woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on ASNW and PAWS first. Improve settings of public rights of way including viewpoints.
- Open out the setting of Brockley Combe to enhance biodiversity value and landscape character.
- Establish new woodlands linking across the 'Aldwick Gap' to 6.3 to create a woodland corridor between the extensive woodland complex linking Wrington, Congresbury and Flax Bourton and that along the northern fringe of the Mendip Hills.
- Establish woodlands linking to those within 5.2.
- Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
- Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside Grant

Schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.

- Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries
- Ensure public paths are easy to use and follow.

Map Ref: 5.2 **Broadfield Down Settled Limestone Plateau (NSC G1)**

- Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on the small ASNW in the north of the area.
- Establish new woodlands linking to those within 5.2.
- Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.

- d. Ensure any quarry developments are linked to off-site biodiversity, access improvements and woodland planting.
- e. Ensure any landfilling of quarries is linked to a restoration plan suitable for trees and woodlands.
- f. Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside Grant Schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
- g. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- h. Ensure public paths are easy to use and follow.



Map Ref: 5.3

Thrubwell Farm Plateau (part of B&NES1)

- a. Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery.
- b. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
- c. Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside Grant Schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
- d. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- e. Ensure public paths are easy to use and follow.