



Preparing a detailed project plan for CQuEL

Work Package 6: Project Plan
Final Report

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Preface

CQuEL, Character and Quality of England's Landscapes, is Natural England's principal integrated monitoring project. CQuEL will provide place-based evidence about the character and function of landscapes and the provision and quality of selected ecosystem services delivered by England's natural environment.

CQuEL will provide an enhanced and up-to-date understanding of Natural England's contribution to enhancing and improving the condition of the natural environment. CQuEL will also provide evidence to key strategic partners, particularly Defra. Defra has been a funding partner of the project planning stage.

The work to prepare the CQuEL project plan has been carried out by a consortium comprising Countryside, Fabis Consulting and Land Use Consultants. The work has been guided by a Project Board at Natural England. The findings have been informed by Expert Panel workshops and the project team gratefully acknowledge the input of stakeholders at the workshops.

List of reports

Summary Report

Work package 1: Methodological Review

Work package 2: Which Ecosystem Services?

Work package 3: Communications

Work package 4: Sources of Data

Work package 5: Links to Natural England's Land Use Strategy and Vision 2060

Work package 6: Project Plan

Recommendations

Key recommendations are shown in bold with a grey highlight. Each recommendation is referenced with a code to identify the Work Package and recommendation number, for example the second recommendation of Work Package 1 is referenced **[R1.2]**.

Tasks and timing

Work Package	Tasks	2010 - 2011			2011 - 2012				2012 - 2013		
		Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Work Package 1: Historic Assessment and Refinement of Analytical Methods	Load and review data sources										
	Linking ecosystem services and landscape character		1								
	Reporting historic change in ecosystem services										
	Informing NE interventions			2							
Work Package 2: Public consultation	Developing consultation method										
	Piloting consultation method		3								
	Assembling consultation materials										
	Developing online consultation tools			4							
Work Package 3: Building the evidence base	Restructuring NCA objectives										
	Building data/analysis platform				5						
	Importing new datasets										
	Basic analysis of landscape change				6						
Work Package 4: Consultation and communications	Developing consultation plan			7							
	Managing internal communications										
	Liaison with NE communications										
	Consultation with general public					8					
	Consultation with professional stakeholders								9		
Work Package 5: Review NE visions and scenarios	Assessment of change across NCAs										
	Assessment against NE scenarios										
	Assessment against 2060 vision						10				
Work Package 6: Assessment	Initial assessment of change							11			
	Finalisation of results following consultation										
Work Package 7: Reporting	Publish CQC III indicator								12		
	Integrated indicator										13

Milestones

Work Package	Milestone
Work Package 1: Historic Assessment and Refinement of Analytical Methods	1 Report on methodology for linking services and landscape character
	2 Recommendations on NE interventions
Work Package 2: Public consultation	3 Report on pilot consultation method
	4 Online consultation tools launched
Work Package 3: Building the evidence base	5 Data analysis platform established
	6 Basic analysis of landscape change complete
Work Package 4: Consultation and communications	7 Consultation plan published
	8 Report on consultation with general public
	9 Report on consultation with professional stakeholders
Work Package 5: Review NE visions and scenarios	10 Report on links to vision and scenarios
Work Package 6: Assessment	11 Initial assessment of change published
Work Package 7: Reporting	12 CQC III Indicator published
	13 Report on quality and functional integrity of the English landscape