

MNbS Schedule of Project Assumptions

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Our aim is to create a schedule of assumptions for planning NbS projects. We've identified that different types and sizes of projects need different levels of detail at the planning stage. So our aim is to provide a longlist of assumptions and then to provide some guidance on what level of detail is needed at different scales of project. This guidance should make it easier to set up projects and grow them because its clear what level of detail is required for planning of that project. The task here does not include saying what the assumptions should be, but just to say what assumptions need to be made.

Planning context
Links to statutory planning or regulatory compliance, if any.
What is the screening and selection process for interventions?
What are the HRA/SEA/EIA requirements?
What option selection criteria are used?
What categorisation framework of NBS is used?
Are other non-NbS agricultural interventions and community based interventions included in the scheme?
What baseline assessment has been/will be done?
Benefit assumptions
What benefit assessment framework has been used?
What timelines have the benefits been assessed over (start/finish/growth/variation)
What tools are used to calculate benefits/outputs/outcomes?
Design assumptions
What is the design horizon?
What are the carbon assumptions
What climate scenarios are used in the assessment
Cost assumptions
What cost data has been used?
What maintenance and replacement costs over what time period have been assumed?
What monitoring costs and over what time period have been assumed?
What discount rate has been applied?
Procurement

How will the scheme be delivered (legal & procurement)
How are liabilities managed?
Management and payments
Payment by output or outcome?
What is the verification method?
Who is undertaking the verification?

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Current key reference: [wrse-options-appraisal-method-statement-november-2022.pdf](#)

We would welcome feedback on this draft schedule. Please send comments, marked “MNbS” to Kieran.Murnane@mottmac.com

