MOORS FOR THE FUTURE
PARTNERSHIP

Dark Peak NIA
Monitoring success and evaluating connectivity

Biodiversity

Blanket bog restoration: Sphagnum moss surveys

Monitoring Sphagnum moss abundance and species composition in relation to blanket bog restoration.

Monitoring the effect of gully blocking on vegetation recovery.

Upland hay meadows

Monitoring grassland diversification through restoration, reconnecting upland hay meadow and species rich pastures.

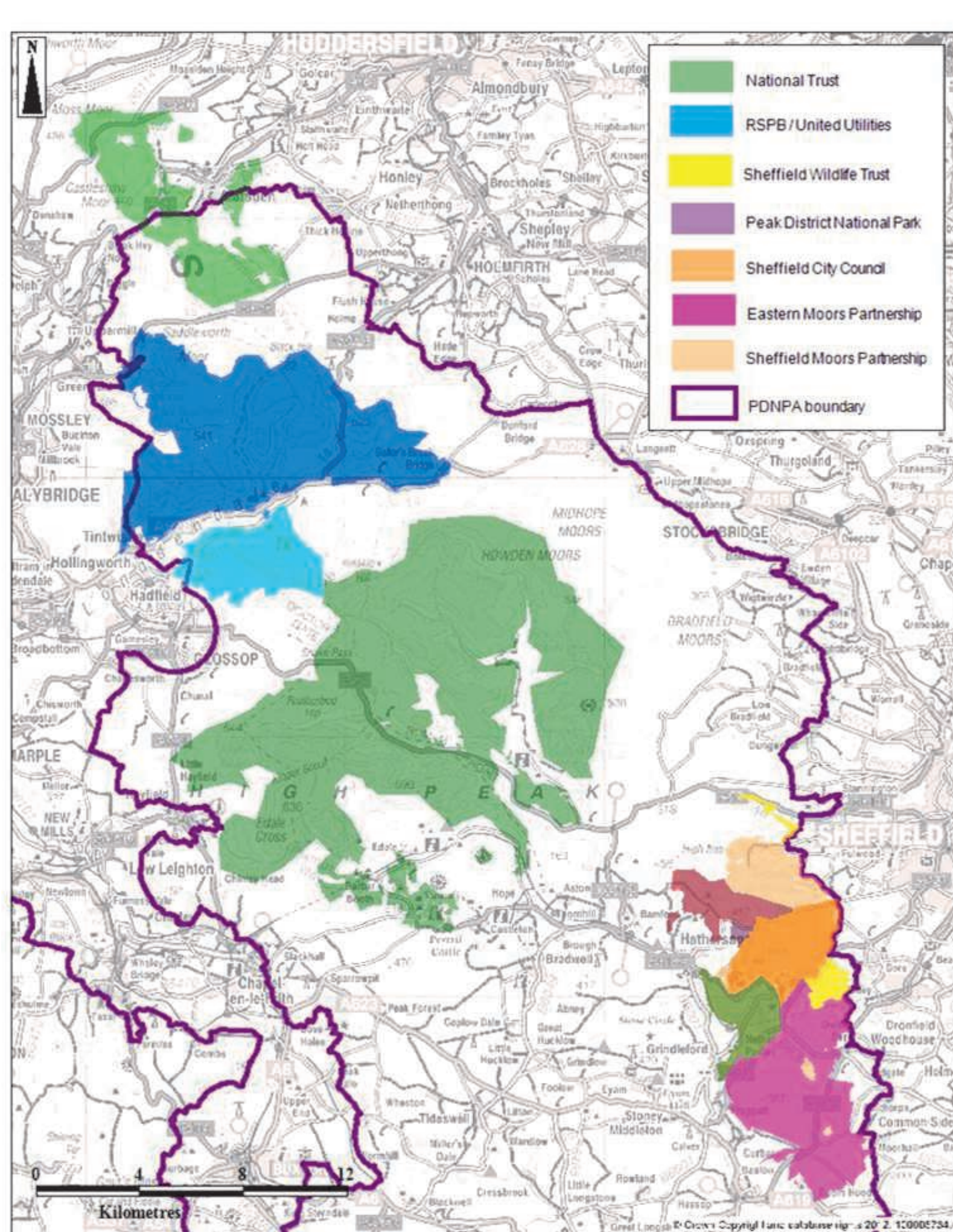### Dry heathland

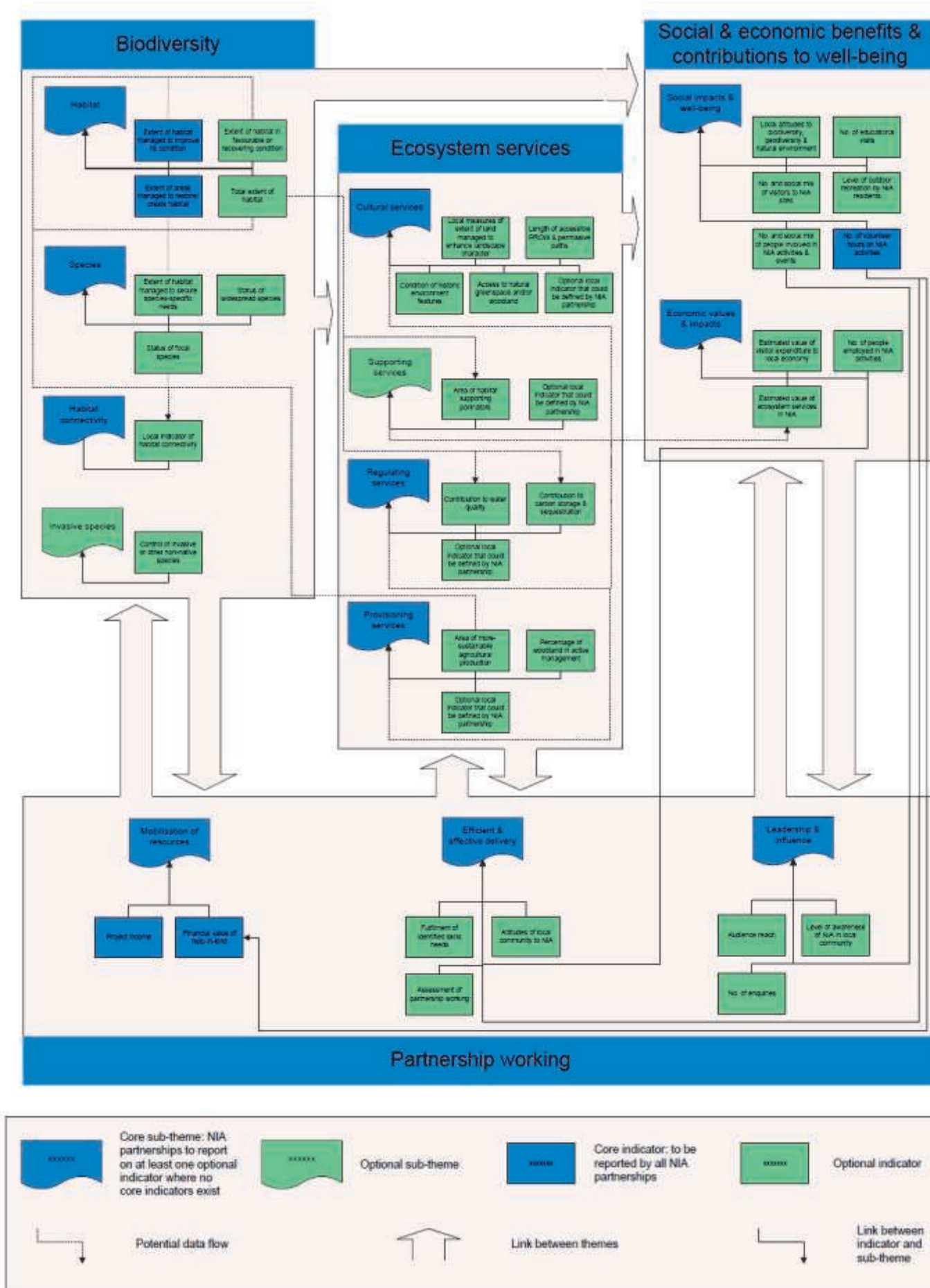Assessing the response of birds to NIA habitat intervention with an upland breeding bird survey.

Monitoring botanical diversification through creation & restoration of SAC / SSSI upland heaths.

Native woodland creation: woodland bird surveys

Assessing the effect of native upland woodland enhancement on woodland bird populations.

Dark Peak Nature Improvement Area boundary (June, 2013).

Legend:
- National Trust
- RSPB / United Utilities
- Sheffield Wildlife Trust
- Peak District National Park
- Sheffield City Council
- Eastern Moors Partnership
- Sheffield Moors Partnership
- PDNPA boundary

Monitoring and evaluation framework (NE, 2012)

Social impacts & well-being

Attitudes of local community to biodiversity & rural environment

Social surveys conducted:
- Before and after NIA works to monitor perceptions of visitors & local residents
- Across 6 key visitor gateways in the Dark Peak NIA
- Using volunteers from across the local community (58 individual volunteers help collect 626 baseline questionnaires)

Awareness of biodiversity: species recognition ...

The University Of Sheffield.

Economic values & impacts

Estimated value of visitor expenditure to local economy

Partnership working

Attitudes of local community to NIA

Attitudes towards NIA objectives: It is important to increase the quality & / or amount of ...

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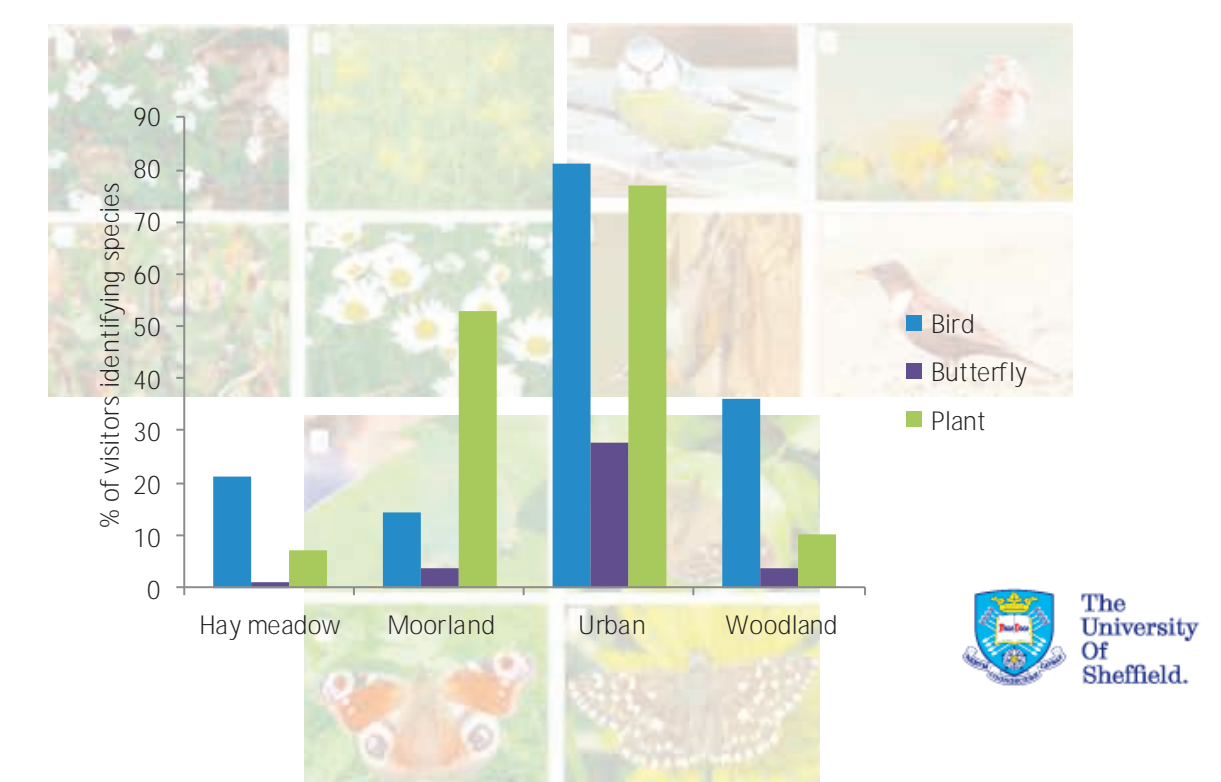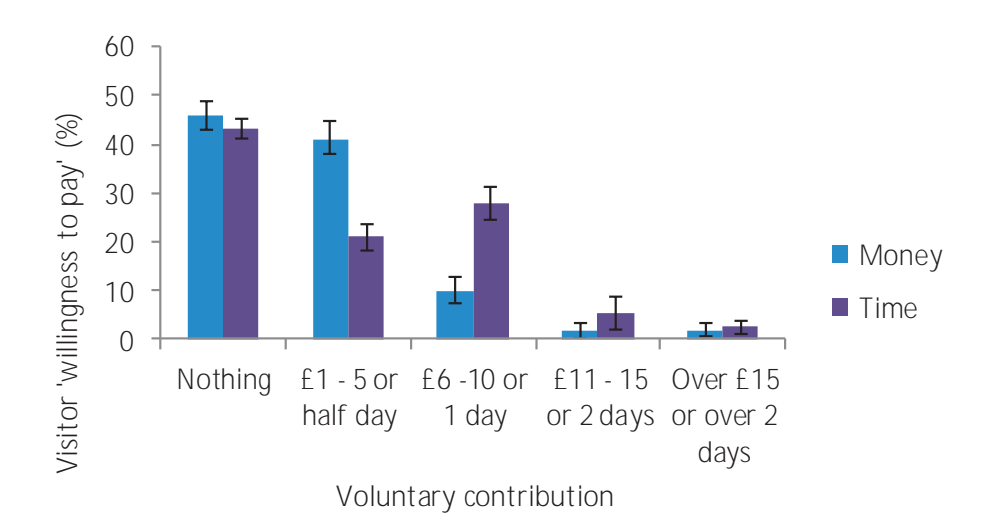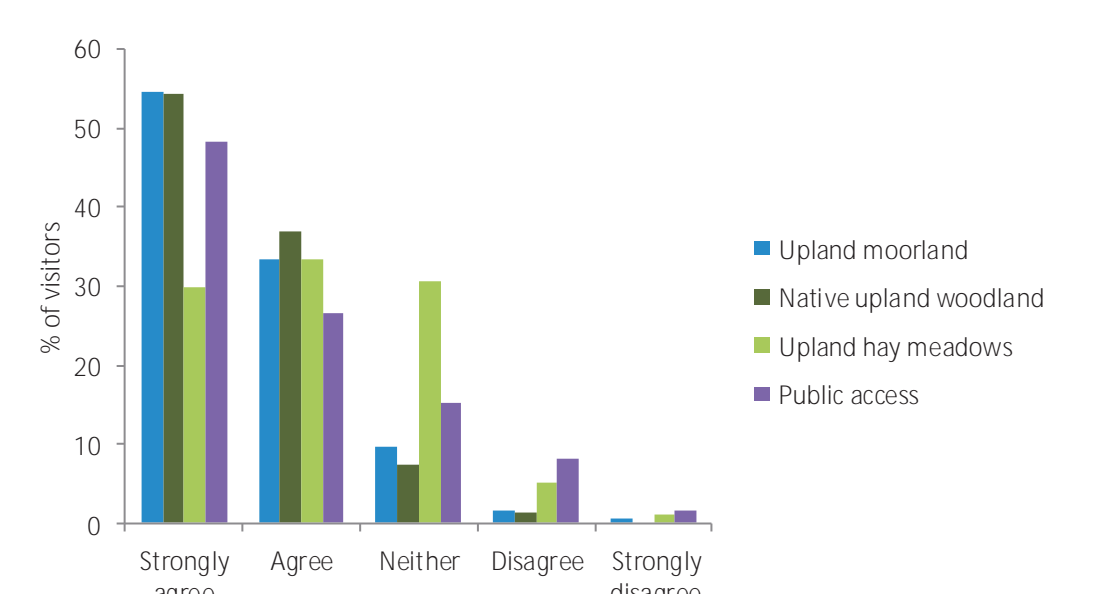
Natural England (2012) http://www.naturalengland.org.uk

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