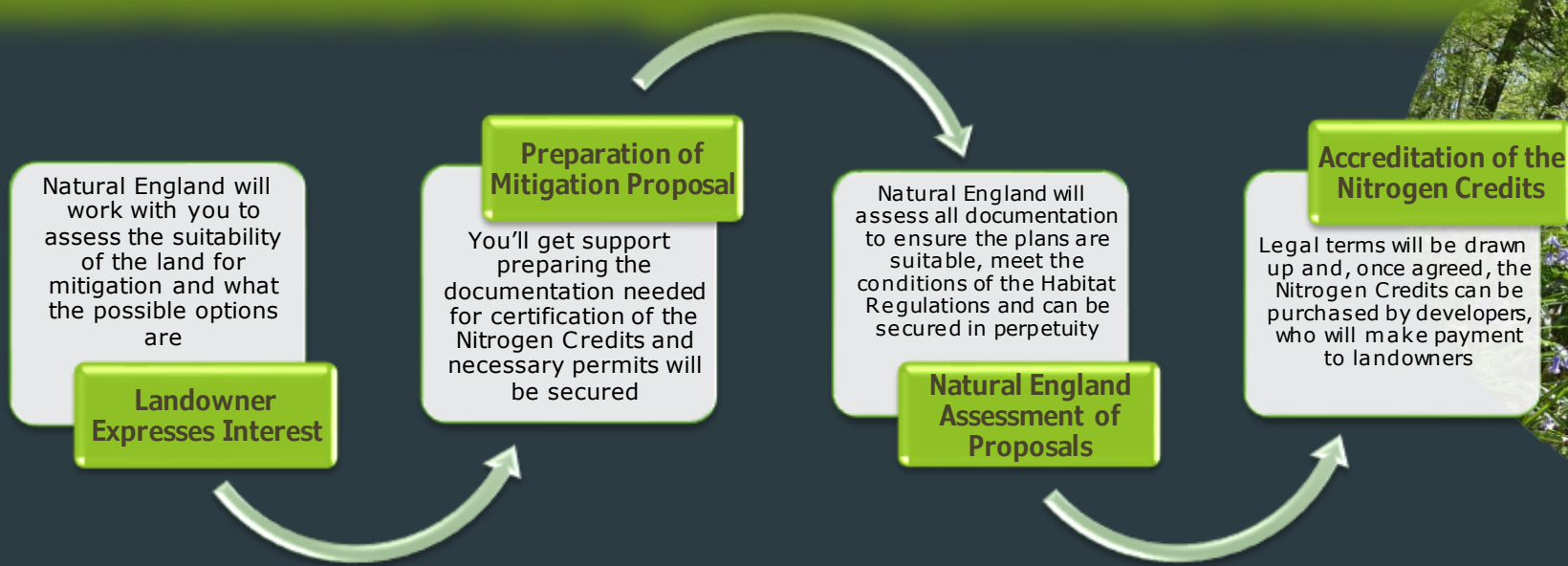


# Solent Nutrients Trading Pilot: Landowner Process



Natural England will work with you to assess the suitability of the land for mitigation and what the possible options are

## Landowner Expresses Interest

## Preparation of Mitigation Proposal

You'll get support preparing the documentation needed for certification of the Nitrogen Credits and necessary permits will be secured

Natural England will assess all documentation to ensure the plans are suitable, meet the conditions of the Habitat Regulations and can be secured in perpetuity

## Natural England Assessment of Proposals

## Accreditation of the Nitrogen Credits

Legal terms will be drawn up and, once agreed, the Nitrogen Credits can be purchased by developers, who will make payment to landowners



### Nitrogen Reduction

- Through agricultural production, excess nitrogen from farming inputs is lost to the environment and enters the local water systems
- We can reduce this by converting agricultural land to woodland or wetland, which reduces the amount of nitrogen leaching

### Suitable Land

- For the land to be suitable, we take a number of factors into account such as geology, hydrology and topography
- Preferred sites are located:
  - close to watercourses
  - on sands, clays or gravels
  - on break of a slope onto chalk bedrock
  - within the lower river catchment

### Mitigation Proposal

- Documents required include:
  - a nutrient budget
  - a plan indicating the proposed 'Land Use' of the site
  - a monitoring and management plan for the site
  - a hydrological assessment, depending on the geology of the site

## Legal Agreements

- To satisfy the Habitat Regulations, mitigation measures must be secured in perpetuity
- The legal agreements last from 80-125 years, depending on which Local Planning Authority the site is located within
- Template legal documents will be provided by the Trading Pilot to streamline this process for you