

Accessibility Statement for Darwin Initiative, Darwin Plus and IWT Challenge Fund websites

This accessibility statement applies to <https://www.darwininitiative.org.uk>, <https://dplus.darwininitiative.org.uk> and <https://iwt.challengefund.org.uk>

These websites are run by Defra. We want as many people as possible to be able to use these websites. For example, that means you should be able to:

- change colours, contrast levels and fonts
- zoom in without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader (including the most recent versions of JAWS, NVDA and VoiceOver)
- we've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

How accessible the websites are

- most of the website can be navigated with tab key and enter key in some cases where plugins or special features additional keys are required to select data and traverse maps
- the slideshow on the homepage can be paused using the keyboard and tab then enter to load a specific slide by hitting enter key on circles
- advanced search fields are keyboard accessible using tab and space bar to select the advanced search de-selection can be achieved with ctrl-shift-space combination.
- the project map, users should use tab button to get to the map then the arrow keys for marker navigation and tab enter for pop-up windows
- users are able to "skip to content" using the links located on the top of each page
- users are able up scroll to 200% and back down again without the overlapping on text
- the sites resize text based on window size
- the sites are mobile friendly and responsive for readers on mobile devices

Feedback and contact information

If you need information on these websites in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, or audio recording:

Email: darwin-applications@ltsi.co.uk OR iwt-fund@ltsi.co.uk

Call: +44131 4405181

We'll consider your request and get back to you in 10 days.

Defra is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

This website is not fully compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard. The non-compliances are listed below:

- the PDF guidance documents are not accessible and do not reflow properly
- currently users are unable change colours, contrast and fonts
- navigate the websites using speech recognition software

Some of our PDFs and Word documents are essential to providing our services. For example, we have PDFs with information on application guidance, and forms published as Word documents.

We've assessed the cost of fixing the issues with navigation and accessing information, and with interactive tools and transactions. We believe that doing so now would be a disproportionate burden within the meaning of the accessibility regulations. We will make another assessment when the supplier contract is up for renewal, likely to be in 2022.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 19 May 2021. It was last reviewed in June 2021.

This website was last tested on 28 May 2021. The WAVE and NVDA voice app test was carried out by WEB.