

Protection, Mitigation, and Enhancement, Management and Monitoring of Biodiversity

4.7 The impact of growth and development on biodiversity is measurable and often visible. Climate change is more gradual but is also having an effect on the habitat of birds and animals and their natural habitats over time, and together with the requirements of other policies in this DPD, climate change measures in new development should include measures to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the Districts.

4.8 The Council will work with relevant agencies and bodies to continue to commit resources and effort to the management and monitoring of designated biodiversity sites, with particular regard given to visitor pressure and urban effects.

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In addition to, or as part of the requirements of other policies in this DPD, measures should be included, as necessary and where appropriate, in the design for all developments ~~of more than 10 dwellings or 1,000m² of non-residential floorspace~~ for the protection, mitigation or enhancement of biodiversity, e.g. landscaping designed to include habitat creation, wildlife links, and buildings may also contribute where suitable (e.g. green roofs, bird/bat roosts etc.). of biodiversity and the mitigation of any adverse impacts. Additionally, enhancement for biodiversity should be included in all proposals, commensurate with the scale of the development. For example, such enhancement could include habitat creation, wildlife links and building design which creates wildlife habitat (e.g. green roofs, bird and / or bat boxes).

~~Smaller developments will be expected to contribute to enhancing biodiversity, for example through provision of bird/bat boxes where appropriate and incorporation of native species in planting schemes.~~

All new development (excluding minor household applications) will be required to make appropriate contributions through CIL (or S106 agreements prior to 2014), towards management and/or monitoring visitor pressure and urban effects on key biodiversity sites.