

Policy ECC06 - Biodiversity

The Council will seek the retention and enhancement, or the creation of biodiversity in development proposals by:

- a) protecting existing Site of Special Scientific Interest, Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation, and priority habitats and species according to the NERC 2006 and working with partners including the London Wildlife Trust and the Brent Catchment Partnership to improve protection and enhancement of biodiversity in Barnet;
- b) ensuring that the requirements of the Green Infrastructure SPD are met;
- c) ensuring development adjacent to or within areas identified as part of the Green Grid Framework makes a contribution to the enhancement of the Green Grid;
- d) ensuring that development makes the fullest contributions to enhancing biodiversity and protects existing site ecology. To realise this aim it is expected that at least the required level of biodiversity net gain, stated by regulation, is attained. This should be achieved both through on-site measures and where necessary by contribution to local biodiversity improvements. Consideration of how this will be achieved should be detailed at the start of the development process;
- e) placing emphasis on measures that enhance and support biodiversity in meeting the Urban Greening Factor and SUDs delivery; and
- f) supporting opportunities that facilitate river restoration and floodplain habitat restoration, in particular for the River Brent, Silk Stream and Pymmes Brook (See Policy ECC02).

Where adverse impacts from development on biodiversity cannot be avoided measures must be taken to ensure that they are appropriately managed so as to reduce and /or mitigate any disturbance to wildlife as appropriate. These measures should be included as part of a planning application and a monitoring schedule agreed at the time of planning permission.

For major applications S106 obligations will be sought for monitoring of BNG