

Policy 79

Biodiversity and Access to Nature

The Council will enhance biodiversity across the Borough, assist ecological restoration

and address spatial deficiencies in access to nature by:

Using the procedures in the Mayor's Biodiversity Strategy to identify and secure the appropriate management of sites of metropolitan, borough and local importance for nature conservation in consultation with the London Wildlife Sites Board.

Identifying areas deficient in accessible wildlife sites and seek opportunities to address them.

Supporting Text

5.3.20 The 2016 London Plan (Policy 7.19) notes that London contains numerous Sites

of Importance for Nature Conservation which form an integral part of London's green infrastructure and should be linked to other parts of the network to enhance its value.

5.3.21 The Mayor's London All Green Grid SPG and associated area framework for Downloads provides guidance on the implementation of the policy framework in the London

Plan for a green infrastructure strategy for London. It is a key document for facilitating

improvements to the network, including to the broad green corridors which it identifies.

5.3.22 The Mayor's Biodiversity Strategy sets out criteria and procedures for identifying

land of importance for London's biodiversity for protection in Local Plans and identifying

areas of deficiency in access to nature. The Mayor and the London Biodiversity Partnership

(BAP) have identified targets for the re-creation and restoration of priority habitats, and

priority is placed on connecting fragmented habitat and increasing the size of habitat areas

to increase resilience to climate change.

5.3.23 The Bromley Biodiversity Plan (2015) translates national and regional biodiversity

strategies to the context of Bromley, particularly the borough's biodiversity duty as set

out in the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (NERC). It promotes a

coordinated Strategy for conserving, protecting and enhancing biodiversity at the local

level to maintain, enhance and restore SINC's and other biodiverse spaces. It provides

best practice guidelines for protecting and enhancing biodiversity in the borough for all

stakeholders involved in maintaining and managing them including Friends Groups, planners and developers, landowners and contractors volunteer groups and the general

public. The plan aims to sustain local species and habitats for future generations