

Policy BTC15-Biodiversity

New development should have regard to nature conservation and biodiversity, and opportunities should be taken to achieve positive gains for conservation through the form and design of development.

Native species planting should be used throughout development to encourage biodiversity and to enhance areas of open space and linkages between defined areas of open space. Landscaping proposals should be submitted with planning applications. Applicants should appoint an ecologist to prepare appraisal of proposals and if appropriate a biodiversity action plan for site.

Relevant policies 3D.14 of Consolidated London Plan (2008)

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- 4.6.21. The London Plan encourages new development to have regard to nature conservation and biodiversity and to achieve positive gains for conservation through the form and design of development. This should include, where appropriate, measures to create, enhance and manage wildlife habitats and natural landscape and improving access to nature.
- 4.6.22. The AAP is an ideal opportunity for the enhancement of low value conservation sites and the creation and enhancement of ecological networks and improving and linking green spaces to local residents. New development provides the opportunity for green spaces to become a major community resource through improved entrance ways and linkages and the enhancement and extension of existing green spaces. There is potential where appropriate to investigate the opportunity for improvements to the ecological value of green spaces by removing hard concrete edges along river corridors and replacing with them natural planting.
- 4.6.23. The Council will require development proposals to include appropriate landscaping and other ecological features that contribute to protecting, managing and enhancing local biodiversity.