

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Biodiversity and Planning: Guidance for new developments Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

South Gloucestershire Council adopted the Biodiversity and Planning Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on 14 March 2023.

The adoption statement is required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulation 14 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Policy PSP19 of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan: Policies Sites and Places DPD (Adopted 2017) sets the policy framework in relation to biodiversity for proposed development in South Gloucestershire. The SPD provides further detailed guidance and advice regarding the implementation of the above policy.

The purpose of the document is to set out the factors the Council will take into consideration to help ensure that biodiversity is adequately conserved, enhanced, and achieves a measurable net gain throughout the development process. It informs applicants of the level of information required to accompany planning applications, giving practical advice and step-by-step guidance on how development and associated land use change proposals will need to comply with legislation, the National Planning Policy Framework, and the policies on the natural environment in the adopted Local Plan.

Right of challenge

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the supplementary planning document may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of that decision. Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than 3 months after the date on which the supplementary planning document was adopted.

Availability of Document

Copy of the SPD, the schedule of comments received, officer responses and modifications to the SPD, and this adoption statement can be accessed on the council's website:

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