

APPENDIX 2.

DRAFT CONTENTS FOR BIODIVERSITY
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SDP)

Possible structure of Biodiversity SPD (similar layout to EBC's draft Tree SPD):

PART 1 – INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Purpose – to outline EBC's expectations and requirements regarding biodiversity in planning applications. To provide clear, concise information for developers and planning staff. Refinement of Local Plan biodiversity policy.

Structure of this SPD – provides key objectives, checklists and signposts to relevant publications and further information and guidance on how expectations arising from the Environment Bill are expected to be delivered at Eastleigh.

How to use this document -

Legal and policy context – EBC emerging Local Plan biodiversity policy, NPPF para 174 - 184, the Environment Bill, PfSH

PART 2 – BIODIVERSITY IN EASTLEIGH

Designated Sites – Details/maps of hierarchy of designated sites within the borough

Protected Species – Details of protected/key species in the borough

This section to provide more detail than the overview presented in the overarching Biodiversity Strategy Document

PART 3 – GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR APPLICANTS THROUGH THE PLANNING PROCESS

Support for policy DM11 – this is the key purpose of this SPD. This SPD will expand on this policy and provide the detail applicants need. Some of the key elements will be:

- Expectations for biodiversity at each stage of the planning process (flow chart/table?) (i.e. biodiversity needs to be designed in at the EARLIEST possible stage in development process)
- Providing detail of what ecology surveys are required, the level of survey, standard for reporting (i.e. submission of a Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan BMEP)
- Highlighting survey periods and restrictions on conditioning of survey work
- Details of EIA and HRA requirements
- Requirements and specification for buffer zones around protected sites, water course and ancient woodland
- **Biodiversity net gain requirements** for EBC in line with DM11 and national guidance (the SPD will need to set the mechanism and requirements, and this should be linked in terms of delivery to the Priority areas and Priority links outlined in the Nature Recovery Strategy)
- Will recommend use of **the DEFRA metric 3.0** and small sites metric for applications where they are applicable to calculate and quantify biodiversity net gain

Detail of bespoke mitigation packages for Protected sites:

- Achieving Nutrient Neutrality
- Solent sites recreational disturbance mitigation (Bird Aware Solent)
- New Forest SPA/SAC recreational disturbance mitigation strategy

- Details of district licensing for Great-crested newts
- Contribution to Southern damselfly schemes

Potential Appendices for SPD:

- Ecological Survey Calendar
- Detail of potential ecological enhancements for on site net gain and species specific enhancements
- Example Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)
- Example BMEP?
- Details of EBC offsite biodiversity enhancement projects and available biodiversity credits