

**Notice of the adoption of the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document**  
**In accordance with The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)**

**The Town and Country Planning Act (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**

Notice is hereby given that (in accordance with above-mentioned legislation) Colchester City Council formally adopted the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on 12 June 2023.

The Biodiversity SPD builds upon the Colchester Local Plan Section 2 Policy ENV1 and provides further guidance related to the protection and enhancement of biodiversity.

The draft Biodiversity SPD was published for public consultation between 22 February – 22 March 2023 in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). A number of minor modifications have been made to the Biodiversity SPD in response to the consultation. The modifications include:

- Additions to chapter 4 to include reference to other ecological surveys that may be required and to make reference to the Essex Biodiversity Validation Checklist.
- Reference to a list of locally significant species that will be prepared by Colchester Natural History Society and published on the Council's website, alongside this SPD.
- Further text about the mitigation hierarchy has been added.
- Information about irreplaceable habitats has been added.
- More information has been added to the creating space for nature design principles.
- A requirement for a Construction Environment Management Plan has been added.
- Additions to the further reading and references section.

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the Biodiversity SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of that decision. Any such application to the High Court must be made not later than 3 months after the date of which the Biodiversity SPD was adopted [i.e. 3 months from 13 June 2023 – being the day after adoption]. In accordance with Regulation 14 of the 2012 Regulations, the Biodiversity SPD and this Adoption Statement have been made available to view on the Council's website at [www.colchester.gov.uk](http://www.colchester.gov.uk) and at Colchester Town Hall. A copy of this Adoption Statement will be sent to all parties who made representations to the draft Biodiversity SPD.

For further information please refer to the Council's website: [www.colchester.gov.uk](http://www.colchester.gov.uk) or contact the Planning Policy Team by e-mailing [local.plan@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:local.plan@colchester.gov.uk).

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