

Adoption of the North Somerset Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document

Adoption Statement

9 January 2024

In accordance with Regulation 11 and 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given that North Somerset Council adopted the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document, hereafter referred to as “the SPD”, on the 9th January 2024.

The SPD was prepared to provide further clarification and detail to Development Management Policies DM8: Nature Conservation, Policy DM9: Trees and Woodlands, and Policy DM19: Green Infrastructure and to Core Strategy policies Policy CS1: Addressing climate change and carbon reduction, Policy CS4: Nature conservation; Policy CS5: Landscape and the Historic Environment and Policy CS9: Green Infrastructure. It sets out the council’s requirement for the protection and enhancement of biodiversity within new developments and is a material consideration in planning decisions. The SPD is an updated version of the original Biodiversity and Trees SPD that was adopted in 2005.

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for a judicial review of that decision. The application must be made to the High Court in a prompt manner and in any event not later than three months after the date on which the SPD was adopted.

The adopted SPD, this adoption statement, and a consultation statement summarising the main issues raised during the formal consultation period, and how these were addressed in the SPD, can be viewed on the council’s website. The document will also be made available to view during normal opening hours at the following Council office:

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