



**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Commencement No. 11 and
Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026
(saving provisions as in The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)
(England) Regulations 2026)**

BIODIVERSITY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was formally adopted by the Council on 9 June 2026.

The new Biodiversity SPD, produced to support implementation of the adopted Local Plan (2025), sets out clear guidance on how biodiversity and the mitigation hierarchy can be considered and incorporated at every stage of the development process, ensuring that biodiversity is integral to the design of proposals. The Biodiversity SPD forms part of the Council's planning policy framework and is now a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

The SPD will replace the existing Supplementary Planning Guidance design guidelines for Nature Conservation and for Development and Wildlife in Gardens.

Details of the decision by the Head of Spatial Planning, in liaison with the Chair of the Environment, Sustainability, Culture and Sports Committee, including the officer decision report, and the analysis of the responses received to the consultation that took place between 16 February and 23 March 2026, are available on the Council's website:

[Decision - Adoption of the Biodiversity SPD following public consultation - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames](#)

The adopted Biodiversity SPD and this Adoption Statement are available to view on the Council's website:

https://www.richmond.gov.uk/biodiversity_trees_and_development_spds

The Biodiversity SPD is also available for inspection until 9 September 2026 at the Civic Centre, 44 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BZ and is being made available to view in the borough's libraries www.richmond.gov.uk/branch_libraries

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the Supplementary Planning Document listed above may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of the Council's decision to adopt the SPD. Any such application must be made promptly and, in any event, not later than 3 months after the date on which this Supplementary Planning Document was adopted (adopted 9 June 2026).