

Dacorum Environmental Forum

Biodiversity Group

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Dacorum Biodiversity Action Plan Review: an update



Where have we got to?

□ Background context text – draft

1. Introduction

2. Setting the scene

- Past wildlife changes
- Factors affecting wildlife
- Delivering biodiversity: principles
- Where Wildlife is important
- Green infrastructure
- The Nature of Dacorum – Countryside Character, Landscape Character and historic influences

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3. Planning for Biodiversity

- National policy
- LDF (Regional aims still relevant)
- Sites of conservation value - sites, status and other features in Dacorum
- Species – protected species, Herts BAP species in DBC
- Local implementation – Local Plan policies, Hedgerow Regs
- DBC land and LNR opportunities
- Is the planning system effective?
- Provision of Green Infrastructure

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 - Habitat management
 - Accessibility – ANGST, Woodland Access,
 - Education / Community involvement
 - Areas of biodiversity deficiency
 - Areas of biodiversity opportunity
- Places to visit gazetteer

Where are we going?

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4. Leading by example

- Review of existing management on key sites
- Review of existing agri-environment schemes elsewhere
- Review of Woodland Grant Schemes
- Review of other habitat projects
- Review of species projects

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5. New projects

- Specific initiatives resulting from LBAP process
- Conservation grazing
- New resources?

6. Links to other Strategies

e.g. Sustainable Community Strategy - Improving the Environment

- Biodiversity (the LBAP review)
- Local Food – sustainable agriculture, allotments, orchards etc.

What are we going to report back?

Use existing data collection streams:

- ❑ Natural England SSSI condition
- ❑ NI 197 Wildlife Sites in 'PCM'
- ❑ Other reliable monitored wildlife
e.g. butterfly transects, BBS, glow worms
- ❑ County BARS data where possible

How are we going to measure progress or success?

- Local BAP progress itself
- BARS report
- Presentation to DEF
- Value judgements - What do you think?

How are we going to 'host' the LBAP?

- Written text and reporting
- **Interactive Web site development**
- Dacorum Environmental Forum Biodiversity Group
- LBAP is itself a working document
- Some descriptive sections will stay the same
- Updates required where reporting back
- Updates required where legislation etc changes or new information / projects initiated

Why have a LBAP anyway?

- ❑ Only forum which attempts to link all activities concerning biodiversity
- ❑ Explains plethora of existing and future work
- ❑ Provides some measure of outcomes and success
- ❑ Identifies particular shortfalls / issues
- ❑ Identifies projects justifying funding or other activities
- ❑ PROFILE

Who wants to know anyway?

- DEF
- Planners
- Public
- Councillors
- Local Politicians
- Schools

Biodiversity Action

- Plans and policies don't eat grass...

