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## Planning and Policy



**We believe it's important to stand up for wildlife. We work with the planning system and engage with local and national policy to get a better deal for wildlife.**

### Working with the Planning System

Planning and built development has a huge impact on local wildlife, countryside and green spaces.

With ever-increasing development pressures across the region, the Trust is committed to working with planning authorities, developers, statutory agencies and other conservation organisations to ensure wildlife is protected. We also encourage and support developments that make a positive contribution to biodiversity.

We give wildlife a voice by:

- Checking planning applications to assess whether wildlife may be affected
- Providing advice to developers prior to submission of planning applications
- Commenting on planning applications to suggest changes that will protect or help wildlife
- Opposing damaging developments, if changes cannot be made
- Engaging with planning control departments to increase awareness of biodiversity issues and improve our effectiveness

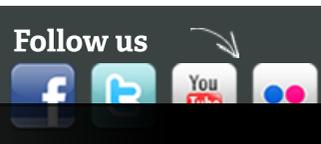
### Policy

Local and national policies provide the frameworks and guidance for planning and development, as well as many other issues that affect wildlife such as access to the countryside, management of our waterways and agriculture.

When we respond to policy consultations, we always advocate the protection and appropriate management of wildlife and the countryside, in line with our vision for Living Landscapes and Living Seas. In particular we support policies that promote ecological connectivity, the restoration of biodiversity, creation of green infrastructure and access to natural places.

We give wildlife a voice by:

- Responding at each stage of the Local Development Plan (LDP) process
- Responding to relevant local council consultations, such as Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) and Community Planning



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