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Development can cause serious harm to wildlife but it does not have to. Indeed with careful thought new development can deliver valuable biodiversity enhancement, so our planning role is as much about promoting positive outcomes as it is about fighting harmful proposals.

Our planning ethos

We are committed to working in partnership with planners, developers, communities and other environmental bodies across Worcestershire to ensure that the development decisions made are as environmentally sustainable as possible. We campaign for the inclusion of wildlife in the decision-making process and aim to ensure that biodiversity is fully considered in every local plan and planning application.

We are not anti-development. Indeed we are acutely aware of the need for economic growth. We do not believe that development is necessarily bad, in fact there are situations where the sensitive re-use of a site can provide significant benefit for wildlife. We aim to ensure that such benefits are realised whilst striving to reduce the damaging results of poor planning decisions.

Our input is based on objective evidence and our understanding of the legislation and policy underpinning planning today and we work hard to ensure that our advice to local authorities is both independent and as accurate as possible. This is particularly relevant because local authorities are required by law to take wildlife into account in every decision

Our blogs

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Planning help and advice

You can find out more about how we engage with the planning process in the [Trust's Planning Policy](#) and there is some guidance on how you can best comment on applications near you in our [Planning for Biodiversity document](#).

The National Planning Policy Framework

The NPPF was updated in July 2018. It outlines the Government's guidance for development in England and includes some important environmental policy provisions. A brief commentary on the relevant policy areas can be found in our [NPPF document](#).

If you have a specific planning query please contact the Trust's planning officer [Steven Bloomfield](#). If your question relates to a planning application it would be helpful if you could include the application number in your email.

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A-Z of Wildlife



Name: Common Blue

Scientific name: Polyommatus icarus

Category: [Butterflies and moths](#)

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What's on

[Fifty shades of green](#)

Thursday 20th December 2018,
7.30pm - 10.00pm

Venue: Wulstans Hall

Join Harry Green and SE Worcs local group for a celebratory talk.

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