

**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY**

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Biodiversity is a term used to describe the richness of the living environment around us. Species once considered to be common are facing increased stress upon their populations and the rate of species loss has never been higher. International initiatives exist to reduce the rate of species loss and at the national level lists of species and habitats have been produced that require particular measures to halt their decline.

South Cambridgeshire District Council, as a Local Planning Authority, is able to make a significant contribution towards the protection, conservation and enhancement of local biodiversity through the Development Control process. However, the influence of the Council can reach further than just the planning control system.

Aim

This draft Local Biodiversity Strategy therefore strives to identify how the Council will promote biodiversity conservation and enhancement throughout its daily functions in order to produce an ecologically diverse and sustainable local environment in the district. The document proposes a number of local Biodiversity Action Plan targets specific to South Cambridgeshire and recognises the value of partnership working to achieving biodiversity conservation .

(insert picture of Biodiversity Partnership's 50 year vision for habitat creation?)