

Swindon BAP Urban Action Plan - Incorporates both Existing Built-Up Urban Environments and Potential Future Development Sites

Objective URB01: Protect and enhance biodiversity through strategic planning, delivering a net biodiversity gain.

Target	Target Measure	Action	Action Measure	Partners	Action Deadline	Links to Other Plans	Comments
URBT1: All new strategies and documents contain policies seeking to protect and enhance biodiversity, where appropriate.	Appropriate policies are included in final documents. SBC Forward Planning - ongoing.	URBA01: Develop and implement a plan for communication with SBC Members promoting awareness of the value of biodiversity.	Communication plan complete and being implemented.	Swindon BAP Coordinator, SBC Communications team	Plan complete March 2010, then ongoing		
		URBA02: Support SBC to include and adopt strong biodiversity policies in all strategic and planning policy documents.	As per target.	Swindon BAP Steering Group and member organisations	Ongoing as documents published		
		URBA03: Establish relationships with other stakeholders whose interests overlap with biodiversity, e.g. health, sport.	Numbers of new or existing stakeholders from other sectors who undertake specific policies or actions for biodiversity, as a result of our engagement.	Swindon BAP Steering Group and member organisations	Annual		
		URBA04: Local Area Agreement (LAA) includes NI197 or equivalent.	LAA continues to include NI197 or equivalent in future revisions.	SBC, NE, WWT	At adoption of LAA		
		URBA05: Ensure emerging Green Infrastructure (GI) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) contains suitable, strong policies to protect and enhance biodiversity.	SPD includes such policies.	Swindon BAP Steering Group	At adoption of LAA		
URBT2: Biodiversity policies are implemented on an ongoing basis.	Percentage of major developments recorded as having a net gain for biodiversity.	URBA06: Ensure planning applications are not validated without adequate survey and mitigation proposals where biodiversity is likely to be affected.	Compliance with agreed planning approval.	SBC Development Management team	Ongoing		
		URBA07: Natural England will develop a process with the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to record net biodiversity gains.	Process in place.	NE, LPA	2011	GI Strategy, LDF, LAA, Core strategy, Minerals and Waste, Climate Change Action Plan, developer contributions, Area Action Plans, Open Spaces Strategy, NI197	

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		<u>URBA08</u> : Process implemented and percentage reported to BAP Steering Group	Annual report to Steering Group.	LPA representative on Steering Group	2013		
		<u>URBA09</u> : Planning applications incorporate biodiversity in building design.	Every new building, renovation, infrastructure development, structure and public space takes action to provide features for biodiversity.	SBC , Developers	ongoing	Other Swindon BAP Habitat Action Plans	

Objective URB02: Protect and enhance biodiversity in the built environment and development areas

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URBT3: Enhance biodiversity in the public realm including transport corridors.	As individual actions.	<u>URBA10</u> : At least five public open spaces over 5 ha are significantly enhanced for biodiversity.	Management programmes being implemented.	SBC	2014		
		<u>URBA11</u> : Lobby SBC and other public realm managers to take account of biodiversity in their land management regimes.	<u>Measure 1</u> : As management plans are reviewed, they include substantive biodiversity measures and the contract specifications required.	Urban HAP Working Group	Ongoing		
			<u>Measure 2</u> : Contract specifications cover biodiversity issues.	Urban HAP Working Group	Ongoing		
		<u>URBA12</u> : Support SBC's Green Spine Project.	EU Life Project for the Green Spine submitted.	SBC, WWT	Jan-10		
		<u>URBA13</u> : Meet Natural England's target for LNRs.					Figures to go in blue boxes are to be provided by Natural England.
URBT4: Promote 'eco-schools' and other environmental initiatives.	Increase on the 2010 baseline number of eco-schools.	<u>URBA14</u> : Determine baseline number of eco-schools and other environmental initiatives throughout Swindon Borough.	Baseline determined.	Swindon BAP Coordinator	Dec-09		
		<u>URBA15</u> : Ensure all schools have access to, and knowledge of eco-schools materials.	100% schools.	SBC Rangers	2010		
		<u>URBA16</u> : Swindon BAP partnership to publicise work in Swindon schools by SBC Rangers.	Publicise this work whenever possible.	Swindon BAP Assistant (DN) and SBC rangers (TK)	Ongoing		

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URBT5: Maximise biodiversity gain through Green Infrastructure.	Green Infrastructure strategy contains strong policies to protect and enhance biodiversity.	URBA17: Review and comment on draft plan.	Comments submitted.	NE, WWT	Autumn 2009		
		URBA18: Agree way forward on implementation.	Agenda item at Steering Group meeting.	Swindon BAP Steering Group	Early 2010		
		URBA19: Support SBC's River Ray Parkway project.	EU Life Project for River Ray Parkway submitted.	GWCF (JW), Swindon BAP Coordinator	Aug-09		
URBT6: Meet or exceed NI197 targets for management of County Wildlife Sites (Local Sites).	NI197 targets met. GWCF/CWSP. Ongoing.	URBA20: Create a small projects fund to assist management of County Wildlife Sites	Minimum project fund of £1k per annum available.	Swindon BAP Steering Group, CWS SG	2014		
URBT7: Meet or exceed NI197 targets for identification of new County Wildlife Sites (Local Sites).	NI197 targets met. GWCF/CWSP. Ongoing.						No actions given

Objective URBO3: To actively involve individuals, communities, landowners, business and other stakeholders wherever possible, to enhance biodiversity

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URBT8: To actively involve individuals, communities, landowners, businesses and other stakeholders.	A year on year increase in the numbers. Swindon BAP SG.	URBA21: Identify innovative projects (community orchards, parkland tree planting, local food initiatives, Green gym, wildflower plantings, etc) that could enhance biodiversity and quality of life for local people.	2 projects per year.	Swindon BAP partnership	Annually		
		URBA22: Compile management plans for sites in collaboration with local communities.	Local communities actively involved in compiling 100% of management plans.	Swindon BAP partnership	Ongoing		
		URBA23: (Same as AGRA 30) Bring forward proposals for a city/community farm enterprise within Swindon Borough.	Proposals developed and a plan of implementation underway.	Farmland HAP working group	2015		
		URBA24: Deliver events targeted at individual communities to promote biodiversity in that location.	At least 5 local events per year.	SBC, WWT	ongoing		