

**REPORT OF THE PLANNING OFFICER (PARK DIRECTION)**

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**SUBJECT: PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE - BIODIVERSITY**

**Purpose of this report**

To advise Members of the recent consultation by Pembrokeshire County Council of the above draft Supplementary Planning Guidance and to seek approval by Members for delegated Officer powers to submit comments on behalf of the Authority, if considered necessary, subject to approval by the Chairs of the National Park Authority and the Development Management Committee.

**Supplementary Planning Guidance**

Following adoption of the Pembrokeshire County Council Local Development Plan on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013, Pembrokeshire County Council has published draft Supplementary Planning Guidance entitled "Biodiversity: How biodiversity can be protected and enhanced in the development process" for public consultation.

The draft Supplementary Planning Guidance supports the policies contained within Pembrokeshire County Council's Local Development Plan. The guidance within this document applies to all areas of Pembrokeshire, excluding the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. Its purpose is to provide guidance to everyone involved in development proposals on how biodiversity should be protected and enhanced in the County in accordance with policies in the Local Development Plan and statutory requirements. It provides guidance on:

- The legislation protecting flora and fauna and their habitats
- The relevant Local Development Plan policies
- The information required when making a planning application
- The integration of biodiversity into new buildings and sites in order to improve existing habitats and create new habitats.

The consultation period commenced on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and ends on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014. Due to the timing of the National Park Authority Committee, Officers are seeking delegated powers to provide comments, if deemed necessary, after having fully considered the content of the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance.

**Recommendation:**

That Members authorise the Head of Park Direction, in consultation with the Chairs of the National Park Authority and the Development Management Committee, to agree the National Park Authority's response to Pembrokeshire County Councils draft Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Guidance.

*(For further information, please contact Richard James, Planning Officer (Park Direction), extension 4875)  
Background documents:*

[http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/content.asp?nav=1626,109,141&parent\\_directory\\_id=646&id=21476](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/content.asp?nav=1626,109,141&parent_directory_id=646&id=21476)