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Thank you for asking us to comment on the above.

We fully endorse the aims set out in the "Vision for Green Infrastructure Document" and look forward to contributing further as the strategy develops.

Referring to Objective 4 whose provisions as outlined we strongly support:

our understanding is that compliance with the Guidance for Local Authorities on implementing the Biodiversity Duty set out under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act of 2006 and Planning Policy Statement 9 does not refer exclusively to "protecting and enhancing recognised sites of particular biodiversity value".

Exeter City Council asked us to co-operate with Devon Wildlife Trust, Bat Conservation and Buglife to prepare notes on how the City's Biodiversity could be enhanced and we've attached the relevant part of the Exeter Residential Design Guide SPD for your consideration, Appendix 2 is the section referred to but needs to be read in conjunction with page 58.

This was adopted last summer and is now being implemented.

We believe that these guidelines would be equally suitable in Mid Devon's towns and villages and would complement the proposed Green Infrastructure Strategy, this could be achieved by the following addition under the first bullet point of Objective 4

- Protecting and enhancing recognised sites of particular biodiversity value and making provision for those species that rely on urban and sub-urban environments.

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