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Thank you for asking us to comment on the above.

We fully support Objective 4 and are pleased to see that reference is made to enhancing biodiversity in urban and suburban environments.

Looking at the illustration on how GI might be incorporated into a development we are also pleased that green/wildlife corridors, SUDS /natural water courses and hopefully any new hedges should be managed for the benefit of wildlife.

We hope living roofs and green walls will also be included where appropriate.

In rural areas we believe that due consideration should be given to "Community Orchards" which would be a considerable asset for leisure, food production and wildlife.

When new developments are being undertaken one of the simplest and most effective ways to enhance biodiversity is to make provision for building-dependant bat and bird species with roost/nest bricks, a ratio of at least sixty boxes per hundred dwelling/work units is being used as a guideline elsewhere in the Region and we would recommend that the same principles are followed in Mid-Devon.

Regards,

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