

# **Natural Environment Workshop**

## **Purpose**

To develop options to maintain and enhance the quality and diversity of the natural environment of the parish.

## **Focus**

- Protection and enhance all biodiversity and geological features and avoid irreversible losses.
- Ensuring that new developments do not threaten biodiversity and positively encourage it.
- Augmentation and enrichment of wildlife corridors and incorporation habitat-rich wildlife areas which deliver net gains in biodiversity
- Identification of new spaces to be designated 'Green Space'.

## **Considerations**

The workshop shall address the following which West Berkshire Council and the Examiner may wish to see have been considered.

- Protection and enhancement priority habitats and species?
- Avoidance of habitat fragmentation?
- Ensuring all new developments protect and enhance local biodiversity?
- Contribution to the achievement of objectives and targets within local BAPs?
- Maintaining the existing extent of ancient woodland site.

The workshop must consider the relevant questions and policies (NPPF & WBC) as set out in the paper 'Comparison of how the Stratfield Mortimer NP Objectives Accord with Sustainability Themes, Objectives, Plans and Policies'

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