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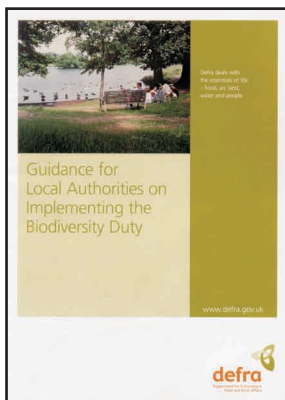
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Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006

The Duty: *“Every public authority must, in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity.”*



Further Biodiversity information for council officers and where to find it:



Guidance on the biodiversity duty under section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 has been produced by Defra and is available in *Guidance for Local Authorities on Implementing the Biodiversity Duty* (2007).

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/pdfs/biodiversity/la-guid-english.pdf>

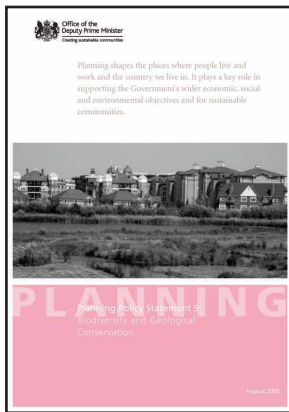


Herefordshire Council's Biodiversity SPG (Interim, 2005) supplements the policies and proposals in the UDP. This document is currently under review for amendments in relation to the new legislation and guidance. Copies available from the Conservation Technician (01432) 260151.



The Association of Local Government Ecologists has produced guidance on incorporating biodiversity issues within the planning system.

<http://www.alge.org.uk/publications/index.php>



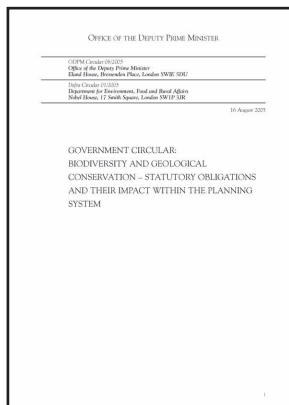
Planning Policy Statement 9 (PPS 9) (2005) sets out planning policies on protection of biodiversity and geological conservation through the planning system.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/147408>



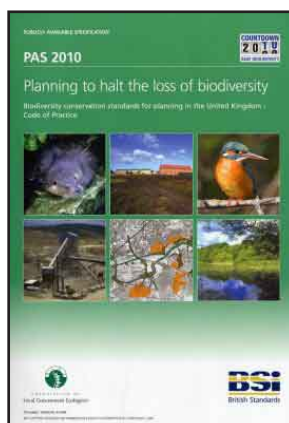
Planning for Biodiversity and Geological conservation: A Guide to Good Practice provides good practice guidance on ways local planning authorities can help deliver the national policies in PPS9 and comply with the legal requirements set out in Circular 06/05.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/143792>



Circular 06/05: Biodiversity and Geographical Conservation – Statutory obligations and their impact within the planning system (2005) provides administrative guidance on application of the law in England relating to planning and nature conservation.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/147570>



PAS2010 Planning to halt the loss of biodiversity is a code of practice for biodiversity conservation standards for the planning system in the UK (2006) BSi £12.

<http://www.bsi-global.com/en/Standards-and-Publications/Industry-Sectors/Environment/more-products/PAS-20102006/>

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