

Enhancement/mitigation priorities for biodiversity

This table sets out the priorities for biodiversity enhancements in new developments in Bexley. For some of these, there are specific targets in Bexley's Biodiversity Action Plan for delivery through new development; these are shown in the right hand column. Where development proposals are likely to have an adverse impact on important habitats or species, mitigation and compensation should generally be targeted at the habitats or species which will be affected. If this is not feasible, the priorities set out below should guide compensation for any impacts.

Feature	Target areas	2015 BAP target
New ponds	Any suitable location, but especially: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> within 100m of an existing great crested newt breeding pond (top priority in these areas); close to rivers or drainage ditches, especially in Belvedere and Crayford where former ponds can be restored; 	5 ponds 2 ponds 1 pond
Bat bricks, bat tiles or other features promoting roosting bats	Within 200m of water, woodland or open spaces known to be important for feeding bats	10 sites
Green roofs, preferably brownfield-style ("brown roofs")	Industrial buildings anywhere, but especially close to the River Thames	N/A
Peregrine boxes	Tall buildings anywhere	N/A
Planting black poplars	Extensive landscaping with large trees, especially close to rivers	20 trees
River enhancement or restoration	All development sites which include or are adjacent to rivers	75m restore 200m enhance
New drainage ditches	Development sites in Belvedere/Crayford with opportunities to connect with existing ditches	300m
Management plans for existing habitats on the site, including control of invasive species	Development sites which include areas of wildlife habitat which are to be retained	N/A
Improved management of existing habitats near the application site, including control of invasive species	Development sites close to nature reserves and other important wildlife habitat	N/A
New or expanded reed beds	Any suitable location, but especially close to rivers or drainage ditches in Belvedere or Crayford	100 m ²