

Policy 19 – Environmental Assets

The Council will conserve and improve the environmental assets of the District by requiring

- 1. the conservation and enhancement of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and its setting**
- 2. the objectives of national and local biodiversity action plans to be implemented through measures including conserving and enhancing the natural biodiversity of the District in terms of species and habitat, and protecting international, national and locally designated sites of importance for biodiversity, and by creating opportunities to link wildlife habitats**
- 3. the protection of open spaces, addressing open space deficiency, and implementation of objectives with regard to green infrastructure and public realm identified in relevant strategies**
- 4. the treescape and landscape quality of the District to be enhanced**
- 5. the preservation or enhancement of the historic environments and buildings of national and local importance to the District**
- 6. the enhancement and improvement of the existing water courses and their settings for their landscape character, biodiversity and recreational value**
- 7. Prevent inappropriate sub-division of agricultural land to avoid the degradation of land of amenity value**

Indicators

- Implementation of biodiversity action plans actions
- Changes in areas and populations of biodiversity importance, including:
 - (i) change in priority habitats and species (by type); and
 - (ii) changes in areas designated for their intrinsic environmental value including sites of international, national, regional and sub-regional significance.
- Loss of green space designations to development