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Project: Biodiversity Duty Report - implementation of proposed action plan Date: 10/11/2025 Your Name: Guy Belcher							ΥΥ	our Name: Guy Belcher	
			IS (MITIGATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE)						
HOW WILL THIS PROJECT/PROPOSAL AFFECT THE FOLLOWING KEY AREAS:		WHAT IS THE IMPACT CONSIDERED TO BE?  See guidance in the purple box, below, to help you assess the degree of the negative and positive impacts e.g. High, Medium or Low		CLIMATE CHANGE RATING: Use drop down list	WILL THE PROJECT MOVE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL CLOSER TO THE OBJECTIVE OF BEING NET ZERO CARBON BY 2030? Use drop down list	WILL THE PROJECT MOVE THE CITY CLOSER TO THE OBJECTIVE OF A NET ZERO CARBON CAMBRIDGE BY 2030? Use drop down list	T PLEASE DETAIL HERE HACTION THAT WILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID, MITIGATE OR COMPENSATE FOR THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS AND MAXIMISE POSITIVE IMPACTS?  N		HAS A NET ZERO CARBON OPTION BEEN CONSIDERED? PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.
		Positive Impact:	Energy use will be reduced or renewable energy will be used				Consider: - Reducing demand for	Semi natural habitats and tree canopy and water courses cool the City and reduces energy demand in heatwaves.	No
1	ENERGY USE	Nil Impact:	No extra energy use is involved	Medium Positive	Yes	Yes	energy - Specifying energy efficiency measures (e.g. insulation, low energy		
		Negative Impact:	More energy (gas and/ or electricity) will be consumed (by CCC or others)				lighting) - Generating renewable energy (e.g. heat pumps,		
		Positive Impact:	Less waste will be generated OR amount of waste that is reused/ recycled will be increased				Consider: - Will resources be reduced	Review of park leaf clearance will reduce operational carbon use and enhance soil carbon capture. However,	
2	WASTE GENERATION	Nil Impact:	No waste will be generated	Nii	No	No	or reused? - Will you use recycled goods?	additional meadow creation will require cut and collect managment with tranport of green waste within the City.	
		Negative Impact:	More waste will be generated (by CCC or others)				Will recycling facilities be increased?		No
		Positive Impact:	The use of transport and/or of fossil fuel-based transport will be reduced				- Will you purchase an electric vehicle? - Will you specify the use of public transport? - How will you reduce the need to travel or transport goods?	Additional Hay cuts may require increase use of vehicle to move green waste. Options for onsite composting will be explored for suitable sites.	No
3	USE OF TRANSPORT	Nil Impact	No extra transport will be necessary	NII	No	No		suitable sites.	
		Negative Impact:	CCC or others will need to travel more OR transport goods more often/ further						
		Positive Impact:	Food will be locally grown and/ or meat-free				Consider:  - Use of locally grown/ produced food  - Reducing use of imported food  - Reducing use of meat	Produce available from community orchards and gardens. Foraging for blackberries, Sloes etc on Local Nature Reserves. Local meat production from grazing Common land	
4	SUSTAINABLE FOOD	Nil Impact:	No change in supply of food	Low Positive	No	No			
		Negative Impact:	Food will travel long distances and include meat						No
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		Positive Impact:	Increased/improved shade & natural ventilation				Consider: Building orientation and installing	Signiciant contibution to reducing urban heat island effect, through shading etc	
5	HEATWAVES	Nil Impact	No impact on existing levels of shade & ventilation	High Positive	Yes	Yes	measures such as Brise Soleil to reduce heat gain and plant hydration	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
		Negative Impact:	Lack of or reduced shade (e.g. from trees or buildings) & natural ventilation				methods.		No
		Positive Impact:	Provision made for an enhancement of water efficiency measures to minimise the impact on water resource availability				Consider: Managing water use efficiently, installing water use and quality. Rainwater harvesting project will measures to use less water use and quality. Rainwater harvesting project will reduce our reliance on aquifer abstarion for opertions		
6	WATER AVAILABILITY	Nil Impact:	Levels of water use will not be changed	Medium Positive	Yes	Yes	planting drought resistant plants and using rainwater	such as tree watering.	
		Negative Impact:	Water use will increase and/or no provision made for water management = Negative Impact				for irrigation.		No
		Positive Impact:	Sustainable drainage measures incorporated, positive steps to reduce & manage flood risk				Consider: The installation of measures to reduce the speed and increase the	Reconnecting the river to its floodplain through habitat creation schemes, tree canopy and sustainable urban drainge schemes will help 'slow the flow'	
7	FLOODING	Nil Impact:	Levels of surface water run-off & flood risk are not affected	Medium Positive	Yes	Yes	absorption of rainwater e.g. green roofs, SuDS, permeable paving etc. and		
		Negative Impact:	Levels of surface water run-off will increase, no management of flood risk				alternative arrangements (business continuity)		No
		Positive Impact:	Exposure to higher wind speeds is being actively managed & reduced				Consider: the need to install stabilisation measures and ensure robust structures	A healthy urban forest provides shelter for streets and parks	
8	HIGH WINDS / STORMS	Nil Impact:	No change to existing level of exposure to higher wind speeds	Low Positive	Yes	Yes	resilient to high winds		
		Negative Impact:	Exposure to higher wind speeds is increased or is not managed = Negative Impact						No
		Positive Impact:	Opportunities & resources for local food production are increased/ enhanced				Source food locally, and provide meat-free catering to reduce vulnerability to food	Healthy habitats and urban forest supports pollintor populations for pollination of food crops.	
9	FOOD SECURITY	Nil Impact	No change to opportunities & resources for local food production	Medium Positive	Yes	Yes	shortages and reduce emissions from transport and farming of food		
		Negative Impact:	Opportunities & resources for local food production are reduced				,		No
		Positive Impact:	Biodiversity will be protected/enhanced				Provide net gain mitigation if required and seek enhancement in projects of all	Main outcomes are to protect and enhance biodiversity at a landscape scale.	
10	BIODIVERSITY	Nil Impact	Level of biodiversity will not change	High Positive	Yes	Yes	types and scale		
		Negative Impact:	Biodiversity will decrease						No

Weighing up the negative and positive impacts of your project, what is the overall rating you are assigning to your project?:

This overall rating is what you need to include in your report/ budget proposal, together with your explanation to be included in the red box below

Guidance on As	sessing the Degree of Negative and Positive Impacts:		
Note: Not all of the	considerations/ criteria listed below will necessarily be relevant to your project		
Low Impact (L)	* No publicity		
	* Relevant risks to the Council or community are Low or none		
	* No impact on service or corporate performance		
	* No capital assets; or capital assets with lifetime of less than 3 years		
Medium Impact (M)	* Local publicity (good or bad)		
	* Relevant risks to the Council or community are Medium		
	* Affects delivery of corporate commitments		
	* Affects service performance (e.g.: energy use; amount of waste; distance travelled) by more than 10%		
	* Capital assets with a lifetime of more than 3 years		
High Impact (H)	* National publicity (good or bad)		
	* Relevant risks to the Council or community are Significant or High		
	* Affects delivery of regulatory commitments		
	* Affects corporate performance by more than 10%		
	* Capital assets with a lifetime of more than 6 years		

In the box below please summarise the projects impacts (the reasons for the ratings given in column E above) to explain how the overall rating for the project/ proposal has been derived (Cell E37). Peloses also highlight any negative impacts your project may have and how you plan to avoid, mitigate or compensate for these (as you will have detailed in column I above).

The overall impact of deliverying the Biodiversity Duty Report future action plan is assessed a being moderately positive in terms of reducing impacts of climate change and enhancing biodiversity.								