

Liberal Democrat Non-Strategic Theme Motion – November 2024

Strengthening Biodiversity Action in Merton

Council believes that ecological biodiversity is not a 'nice to have' – it is a critical element of delivering action on climate change, supporting sustainable food systems, and promoting the health and wellbeing of Merton's residents.

Therefore, Council resolves to ask Cabinet to consider:

Prioritising the creation of a 'Biodiversity Bank' – a collection of off-the-shelf projects in Merton (with projects identified in all wards) for property developers to engage with, to ensure that their biodiversity net gain obligations are realised here in Merton. To support this, a 'Go Green' audit of unused/underused land could help identify new opportunities for habitat creation and the expansion of green corridors.

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