

Draft Public Consultation Survey: Canterbury District Biodiversity Strategy

Canterbury City Council is currently reviewing its Biodiversity Strategy following its declaration of a biodiversity and climate emergency in 2023.

This strategy builds on existing council plans and aims to:

- raise awareness of biodiversity issues across the district.
- provide a clear framework to guide decision-making for everyone involved in nature recovery - from communities to landowners, schools, businesses and developers.

We're inviting feedback on our draft Biodiversity Strategy, which sets out 34 key actions grouped under six themes:

- Strategic policy working
- Partnership working
- Delivery
- Community working
- Funding
- Audit and planning

These actions are designed to support everyone working together to protect and restore nature in our district and deliver our vision for nature recovery as depicted in our wilding map on page 6.

Importantly, this strategy is not starting from scratch.

It builds on the incredible work already being done by voluntary groups and community organisations across the district.

We want to hear from you:

- do these themes and ambitions reflect your priorities?
- are there any areas or actions you feel are missing?
- how can we better support your work in nature recovery?

Your input will help shape a strategy that reflects the values and needs of our natural habitats and species and enables us to create a network of individuals and groups across the district working together to recover our biodiversity.

Please see Privacy Notice for this consultation to find out how we store, process and share your personal information.

Questions that must be answered are marked with a red asterisk (*)

1. Which of the following best describes you?*

(Select all that apply)

- Resident of the district
- Landowner or land manager
- Local business owner
- Member of a community or volunteer group
- Representative of a partner organisation (eg. NGO, school, developer)
- Other (please specify): _____

2. How actively involved do you feel in biodiversity-related work in the district?*

- Very active
- Somewhat involved
- Occasionally involved
- Not currently involved, but interested
- Not active

3. Our vision is outlined on page five and six. To what extend do you support the overall biodiversity vision for nature in Canterbury district by 2042/43? *

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don't know

4. Looking at our vision map, how much do you think the strategy reflects the right ambition for biodiversity in the district?*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral

- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- *If disagree, please explain:*

5. We have outlined 34 biodiversity actions on page 10 to 15, grouped under six areas. To what extent do you think this action plan will begin to deliver a wilder district and local nature recovery?*

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don't know
- *Please share any comments you have on any of these actions:*

6. How well do you feel the strategy addresses the following areas of biodiversity action?* (Please rate each area)

Area of action	Very well	Well	Moderately	Slightly	Not at all	Don't know
Wilding and rewilding	<input type="checkbox"/>					

7. Do you feel that there are any areas around biodiversity which are missing or need more detail (eg. funding, delivery, community role)?

Open text:

8. Do you have any other comments about the Biodiversity Strategy?

Open text:

Corporate consultations

We have several corporate consultations coming up soon and we would like to hear from you.

9. Which of the following corporate consultations would you like to be informed about? * Please tick those that apply

- Environment
- Housing
- Leisure and events
- Parking
- Regeneration
- Budgets and finance
- Governance
- Enforcement
- Licensing
- Planning Policy
- Transport
- None

Other, please state:

11. How did you find out about this consultation? * Please tick those that apply

- Email from the council
- Council Facebook post
- Council Twitter post
- Council LinkedIn post
- Council website
- Word of mouth
- Other, please state:

Equality information

What age are you? Please tick one box only

- Under 18
- 18 to 25
- 26 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 to 84
- 85 and above
- Prefer not to say

What gender are you? Please tick one box only

- Male
- Female
- Prefer to self-describe (for example, non-binary, gender fluid etc)
- Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to be disabled? Please tick one box only

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic background? (select the group that best describes you)

- White (English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British)
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background (please specify):
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
- Asian / Asian British
- Black / African / Caribbean / Black British
- Other ethnic group (please specify):
- Prefer not to say