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8. The natural and historic environment

Question 7a: Are there any specific measures that you would like to see new developments deliver to improve biodiversity locally?

Please provide comments (200 words max):

Question 7b: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?

Please provide comments (250 words max):

Support the wording of this objective, in terms of considering the value of landscape, biodiversity and local character holistically, particularly the inclusion of well-being.

The policy approach to AONBs will need to address the issue of development pressure in the setting, as set out in 5.7.3.

We trust that the new local plan will have a specific policy(ies) relating to AONBs, noting that the importance of these landscapes is referenced several times in the issues and options document. We considered that the lack of a specific policy in the Taunton Deane Local Plan was a significant omission that failed to acknowledge the additional weight to be given to conserving landscape and scenic beauty in AONBs.

To maximise the approach to achieving objective 7, it would seem logical that there will need to be a strategic approach linking 7b/1, b/2, b/5 and b/12 in particular, with relevance to b/3, b/4 and b/7 also.