

Table 17.2 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in Barnet Continued

Sites of Local Importance

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clay Lane • Grahame Park • Sunny Hill Park • Barnet Countryside Centre • Bell's Hill Burial Ground • Clitterhouse Playing Fields • Avenue House Grounds • East Finchley Cemetery • The Mutton Brook • Greenhill Gardens • Friary Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oakleigh Park Rail Cutting • Cherry Tree Wood • College Farm • Prince's Park • Lakeside Nature Reserve • Hendon Park and Northern Line Rail Cutting • Edgwarebury Park • Woodridge School Nature Reserve • Barfields Allotments Nature Park • Belmont Open Space, Cockfosters • Cophthall South Fields |
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17.1.8 Barnet also contains parts of the Blue Ribbon Network in the form of tributaries to the River Thames; the River Brent and Silk Stream. London Plan Policy 7.28: Restoration of the Blue Ribbon Network aims to restore and enhance these features.

17.1.9 Where appropriate proposals will be expected to contribute to biodiversity and the wider agenda for a 'Green Grid' (green links and chains between open spaces). The Green Infrastructure SPD will provide further detail on Barnet's strategic approach for the creation, protection and management of networks of green infrastructure.

17.1.10 Where new open spaces are provided or landscaping is included as part of development proposals Barnet will favour the provision of habitats for species identified in the London Biodiversity Action Plan.

17.1.11 Access to areas of nature conservation is important, in particular given the opportunities they provide children for education and play. The majority of the Borough is within 1km of Metropolitan or Borough Grade SINC and 500m of any nature conservation site. However the Open Spaces Assessment identified fifteen nature conservation sites that have poor accessibility in terms of walking, cycling, bus or rail. In these areas development will be expected to contribute to improving access where necessary and practical.

Policy DM16: Biodiversity

- a. When considering development proposals the council will seek the retention and enhancement, or the creation of biodiversity.
- b. Where development will affect a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation and/or species of importance the council will expect the proposal to meet the requirements of **London Plan Policy 7.19E**.
- c. Development adjacent to or within areas identified as part of the Green Grid Framework will be required to make a contribution to the enhancement of the Green Grid.

Useful References

- Circular 06/2005: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation – Statutory Obligations and their Impact within the Planning System, ODPM, 2005
- London Biodiversity Action Plan
- London Plan, 2011
- London Regional Landscape Framework, Natural England, 2010
- National Planning Policy Framework