

3.0 A Vision for Natural Landscape in London

London's landscapes form an integral part of the city's character. The Vision aims to encourage further appreciation of these natural landscapes.

The Vision:

The rich variety of London's natural landscapes – their 'Natural Signatures' – should be embedded into perceptions of and decisions about London such that they may contribute to reinforcing a sense of local identity and distinctiveness throughout London.

This should be achieved by:

- raising public awareness of the diversity of London's natural landscape to enable Londoners to reconnect with the natural character of London;
- ensuring that existing areas are managed/enhanced to reinforce their Natural Signatures;
- ensuring that new development works with, rather than against, London's natural character by taking explicit account of the area's natural, as much as built, context; and
- identifying and protecting views of and from key landscapes.

This Vision is intended to inform and to broaden existing London-wide strategic and local policies. These include the London Plan, biodiversity and geodiversity policies, green space strategies, the Green Grid, Green Arc and Blue Ribbon Network guidance, the London and local Biodiversity Action Plans, River Basin Catchment Plans and River Restoration Strategies, as well as the London View Management Framework. Nevertheless our Vision has a unique emphasis, which aims to improve the balance between focus on the built and natural contexts, and to move beyond the notion of landscape as simply an amenity.



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