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Dear Nancy,

Thank-you for your recent email regarding our project titled “Biodiversity Evidence – Better Outcomes from Planning” which aims to understand the challenges, limitations and needs of Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in London with regards to taking account of biodiversity early on in the planning process, and to provide resources to help them overcome some of these issues.

Through our discussions and interactions with LPAs, including representatives from LB Camden, we have supported the use of biodiversity data early on in the planning process but also their usefulness in all planning stages and highlighted the importance of considering biodiversity in planning. Conserving and enhancing biodiversity can provide opportunities for delivering positive outcomes for other important areas too, such as adaptation to climate change, health and wellbeing, air quality, green infrastructure and flood alleviation, as well as requirements for biodiversity net gain which is expected to become mandatory when the new Environment Bill comes through. Through our work we want to support London's LPAs to deliver better outcomes for biodiversity.

We will be happy to share with you the final report of the project when this becomes available.

Yours sincerely,

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Partnership Officer (Planning)

