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Ensure that the natural and historic environment continues to contribute to the special character, identity and quality of life of the District.	All policies
Ensure the conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment of the District for future generations	All policies
Ensure that the interplay of the built and natural environment, which is key to the special character of the District is fully understood and considered	EN1
Increase public understanding, awareness and enjoyment of and access to our natural and historic environment for both residents and visitors	DS1; EN1-7; EN14; EC1; EC10-11.
Support the vital tourist economy of the District, for which the environment is a key element	DS1; EN1-10; EC1; EC7-8; EC10-11; INF7.
Ensure that the historic environment is used as a key driver and focus for inward investment, regeneration and re-development, particularly within our historic market towns	EC1-2; EC4; EC7-8; EC10-11; DS1; DS2; EN8-10; INF7.
Explore ways in which new developments can be successfully integrated with the existing historic environment	DS1-3; EN2-4; EN8; EC3-5; EC10-11.
Encourage wider community involvement in the natural and historic environment, for example through neighbourhood planning	EN1; EN12; INF7
Create and support strong partnerships between public, private and voluntary sectors	EN1; EN12; INF7
Support organisations applying for funding and maximise the opportunities for external funding to benefit the natural and historic environment	EN1
Address earlier degradation of the biodiversity resource of the area, including habitat fragmentation	DS1; EN1-2; EN5-8; EN11; EN14; INF1; INF7.
Address the threats to the natural and historic environment caused by climate change and to encourage the mitigation of these impacts	EN1-8; EN14; INF7.
Ensure that natural environment assets, (including sites, habitats, species, features, biodiversity networks and landscapes) and historic environment assets (including both designated and non-designated heritage assets, their settings and the wider historic landscape) are appropriately managed and maintained, whether in public or private ownership	DS1; EN1-8; EN14; EC4; EC10; INF7.

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Protect natural and historic environment assets in a manner that is proportionate to their significance and to the public benefits of any development proposal	DS1-3; EN1.
Ensure that planning decisions are based on sound evidence relating to the natural and historic environment	DS1-3; EN1.
Support development that will enhance biodiversity assets and networks through the creation of new environmental features and habitats, particularly in areas subject to landscape scale biodiversity delivery initiatives, such as Nature Improvement Areas	EN7-8.
Achieve robust green infrastructure within new developments and to capitalise on opportunities to improve existing green infrastructure (including addressing gaps in current provision)	EN1-8; EN14; EC3-4; EC8; INF1-3; INF7.
Ensure that the development enhances the ecosystems services and benefits that are provided by the natural environment	DS1-3; EN1-2; EN5-8; EN9; EN14; H5; EC1; EC6; INF7