

Core Policy SD2: Ecosystem Services

1. Development proposals will be permitted where they have an overall positive impact on the ability of the natural environment to contribute goods and services. This will be achieved through the use of high quality design, and by delivering all opportunities to:
 - a) Sustainably manage land and water environments;
 - b) Protect and provide more, better and joined up natural habitats;
 - c) Conserve water resources and improve water quality;
 - d) Manage and mitigate the risk of flooding;
 - e) Improve the National Park's resilience to, and mitigation of, climate change;
 - f) Increase the ability to store carbon through new planting or other means;
 - g) Conserve and enhance soils, use soils sustainably and protect the best and most versatile agricultural land;
 - h) Support the sustainable production and use of food, forestry and raw materials;
 - i) Reduce levels of pollution;
 - j) Improve opportunities for peoples' health and wellbeing; and
 - k) Provide opportunities for access to the natural and cultural resources which contribute to the special qualities.

2. Development proposals must be supported by a statement that sets out how the development proposal impacts, both positively and negatively, on ecosystem services.