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Planning and Environment Committee,
City of London

**Re: Public Participation Meeting December 13, 2021-
Environmental Management Guidelines (2021)**

I am writing on behalf of Nature London to express support for the updated Environmental Management Guidelines (2021). Nature London is a volunteer organization that works to protect threatened natural areas and takes action on other issues affecting the local environment.

First, I commend city staff for the consultation process that was undertaken during the development of the updated Guidelines. I have represented Nature London throughout the review and update process and found it to be most productive.

The 2021 edition of the Guidelines is a comprehensive document that reflects the thorough and careful work of the staff and the consulting team. The Guidelines take account of the approved policies of the London Plan and respect the current science in the field of environmental management. The 2021 Guidelines document is a vast improvement over the 2007 version that it replaces. I am confident that the new version will provide a solid basis for informed discussion within the development community, city staff, and environmental organizations.

Regular updates will be important to keep the Guidelines current. Researchers continue to make new discoveries that improve our understanding of natural ecosystems. An update process for these Environmental Management Guidelines will ensure that the best science is being applied to the protection of natural features in London.

Regards,

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for Nature London