

RESOURCE USE

BIODIVERSITY

Challenge:

Enhancing the natural environment at our assets



Solution:

Despite forming part of the planning requirements for new developments, biodiversity is rarely a consideration for existing assets.

In 2009 Hammerson commissioned a biodiversity project to look at a sample of our UK properties including four shopping centres, two retail parks and an office building. The aim of the project was to complete audits of current biodiversity and make recommendations for the improvement or enhancement of the natural environments around our buildings.

Taking into account findings from the project, Hammerson is developing a Biodiversity Policy as well as individual Biodiversity Action Plans for each of the assets studied. These are linked to local, regional or national plans, and detail a series of low cost initiatives together with longer term projects at each of the assets. Linked to community engagement, these include developing partnerships with local nature conservation groups who will fund or manage projects on our behalf.