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In July 2021 Natural England published version 3 of the Biodiversity Metric. Along with other changes, this updated version of the metric and the associated guidance explicitly addresses how vegetated gardens should be treated when calculating biodiversity value for sites. Of particular note, paragraph 2.11 of the SPD has been superseded by the Biodiversity Metric 3.0 calculation tool and supporting documents. It is therefore no longer necessary to provide local level technical guidance on this matter.

Users of this Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) are advised that in light of this technical advice, the latest calculation tool guidance from Natural England should take precedence. The Biodiversity Metric 3.0 calculation tool and supporting documents can be accessed at: <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/>