

Planning Application Biodiversity Checklist

All Local Authorities have a duty to consider the conservation of biodiversity when determining planning applications.

This checklist has been designed to assist in defining what, if any, biodiversity surveys and reports are required for certain types of applications in order to validate them.

Ecological information that accompanies any planning application should meet the requirements of BS42020:2013 Biodiversity – Code of practice for planning and development.

Where a survey recommends additional surveys be carried out, these will also be required in order to validate the application.

**THE QUICK-CHECK LIST IN THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE
COMPLETED FOR ALL PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND
SUBMITTED ALONG WITH ANY SUPPORTING
INFORMATION REQUIRED**

Failure to submit this checklist, or any supporting documents identified, may lead to applications being refused for insufficient information.

The Local Authority reserves the right to request additional information during the course of the application, and may invalidate applications during the course of the process should incorrect information be provided on this checklist.

Designated Statutory Sites may be found on the 'My Maps' tab of our website [here](#)

In Accordance With
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management
Procedure) Order 2010

January 2016

Quick check

To be completed and submitted with each planning application

| | Yes | No | |
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| Buildings (are any of the following being modified, demolished or converted?) | | | |
| Agricultural Buildings, particularly of traditional brick or stone construction and/or with exposed wooden beams greater than 20cm thick | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly in relation to bats, barn owls and breeding birds |
| Buildings with weatherboarding and/or hanging tiles that are within 200 metres of a woodland and/or water | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly in relation to bats |
| Pre-1960 detached buildings or structures within 200m of woodland and/or water | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly in relation to bats |
| Pre-1914 buildings within 400 metres of a woodland and/or water | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly in relation to bats |
| Pre-1914 buildings with gable ends or slate roofs, regardless of location | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly in relation to bats |
| Tunnels, mines, kilns, ice-houses, adits, military fortifications, air raid shelters, cellars or similar underground ducts and structures | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly in relation to bats |
| Bridge structures, aqueducts or viaducts (especially over water and wet ground) | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly in relation to bats |
| Does the proposal involve lighting of churches or Listed Buildings, or flood lighting of green space within 50 metres of woodland, water, field hedgerows or lines of trees with obvious connectivity to woodland or water? | | | |
| | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly in relation to bats, barn owls and breeding birds |
| Does the proposal affect woodland, field hedgerows and/or lines of trees with obvious connectivity to woodland or water bodies? | | | |
| | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly in relation to bats, breeding birds, dormice, red squirrels, badgers and amphibians |
| Trees (does the proposal involve works that affect the following?) | | | |
| Old and veteran trees that are older than 100 years | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly relating to bats and breeding birds |
| Trees with obvious holes, cracks or cavities | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly relating to bats and breeding birds |
| Trees with a girth greater than 1 metre at chest height | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly relating to bats and breeding birds |

| | Yes | No | |
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| Other Habitats | | | |
| Does the proposal affect gravel pits, quarries or natural cliff faces and rock outcrops with crevices, caves or swallets | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly to bats, breeding birds, reptiles |
| Is the proposal for a major development within 500 metres of a pond or a minor development within 100 metres of a pond? | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly relation to great crested newts |
| Is the proposal affecting, or within, 200 metres of rivers, streams, canals, lakes or other aquatic habitats? | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly relation to bats, breeding birds, otters, water voles, amphibians and plants |
| Does the proposal affect 'derelict' land (brownfield sites), allotments, railway land or rough grassland? | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly relation to breeding birds, great crested newts, badgers, reptiles, amphibians, plants and invertebrates |
| Does the proposal affect woodland (including scrub and hedgerows) which is on, adjacent to or linked to the site? | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly relation to bats, breeding birds, badgers, dormice, invertebrates and plants |
| Does the proposal affect meadows, grassland, parkland or pastures on, adjacent to or linked to the site by other semi-natural habitats. | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly relation to bats, badgers, great crested newts, invertebrates, reptile and plants. |
| Wind Turbines | | | |
| Does the proposal consist of or include one or more large wind turbines? | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly relation to bats and birds. |
| Does the proposal consist of or include one or more small wind turbines? | | ✓ | If yes, surveys will be required, particularly relation to bats, barn owls and breeding birds. |
| Protected Species | | | |
| To the best of your knowledge, are any protected species such as, but not limited to, bats, protected birds, great crested newts, | | ✓ | If yes, please provide appropriate assessment |

water, protected areas, great crested newts, reptiles, water voles, badgers or otters present within the site or potentially affected by the proposal?

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