

PLANNING APPLICATION

Biodiversity Checklist

All Local Authorities have a duty to consider the conservation of biodiversity (natural environment) when determining a planning application. Government planning policies for biodiversity are set out in Planning Policy Statement 9 – Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (PPS9)

As part of 1APP (National Application Form), the submission of a biodiversity survey and report is listed in 'Local Planning Application Requirements' – Further information is included in the [Validation Of Planning Applications Guidance for Local Planning Authorities](#) published by DCLG in December 2007

Most of the Hampshire Local Planning Authorities (under the umbrella group of HIPOG) have adopted a joint working approach to the local requirements. All Local Authorities in Hampshire have identified the submission of a biodiversity survey and report as a **requirement** for certain application types

For these applications (see local requirements matrix for relevant Local Authority), if a biodiversity survey and report is NOT submitted, the application will not be validated

This Biodiversity Checklist has been designed to assist applicants in defining the biodiversity submission required in order to supply the relevant biodiversity information needed by the Local Authority to validate and determine the application. You are strongly advised to use this tool in order to adhere to biodiversity standards expected by statutory nature conservation bodies

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SHADED BOXES IN SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3 OF THE CHECKLIST AND SUBMIT ALONG WITH ANY SUPPORTING INFORMATION

If a proposed development could have impacts on or implications for biodiversity, and the submission of further information is indicated by the response to this checklist, supporting information **MUST** be submitted with this application or the application will not be validated.

Local Authorities may require further information during the application process

IF ANY OF THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED PROVES TO BE INADEQUATE, THE APPLICATION IS LIKELY TO BE REFUSED

For further advice on competent specialist ecologists to undertake elements of the above, please contact the Institute of Ecological and Environmental Management www.ieem.org.uk in the first instance.

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SECTION 1A – Designated Sites and Priority Habitat

Please answer ALL questions		Please tick as appropriate	
Qa	Is the development of a type as listed in footnote ¹ below AND within 2 km of a <u>SAC</u>, <u>SPA</u> or <u>Ramsar</u> site? www.natureonthemap.org.uk/ www.magic.gov.uk Local Plan Proposals Map	YES ☐	NO ☒
Qb	Is the development of a type as listed in footnote ² below: AND within 500m of a <u>SSSI</u> www.natureonthemap.org.uk www.magic.gov.uk Local Plan Proposals Map	YES ☐	NO ☒
Qc	Are any of the following present on or within 100m of the application site? • <u>Broad-leaved woodland</u> • <u>Veteran trees</u> • <u>Water courses</u> • <u>Wetlands</u> • Flower-rich meadow/grassland • <u>Heathland</u> • Mature Hedgerow	YES ☐	NO ☒
If Yes, there may be a <u>SINC</u>, or other <u>Priority Habitat</u> within or adjacent to the application site. <u>Contact Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre</u> to find out whether a <u>SINC</u> or <u>Priority Habitat</u> is present			
Using the answers given above, please answer the following question			
Qd	Is it likely that the development would have an <u>impact</u>³ on any designated sites⁴ or <u>Priority Habitat</u> (as listed in Qc) <i>prior to</i> applying mitigation⁵.	YES SAC/SPA/Ramsar ☐ SSSI ☐ SINCS ☐ Priority Habitats ☐	NO SAC/SPA/Ramsar ☒ SSSI ☒ SINCS ☒ Priority Habitats ☒
If you have answered 'YES' to ANY elements of Question d above Further information is required to support your application to show how the proposal has taken the potential impacts into account			Please go to SECTION 1B
If you have answered no to ALL elements of Question d above			Please go to SECTION 2

¹ >0.5ha, >10 units/dwellings, power station, sewage treatment works, fish farm, industrial/agricultural development next to or discharging pollutants into a water course, new road scheme

² Power station, sewage treatment works, fish farm, industrial/agricultural development next to or discharging pollutants into a water course, new road scheme, any housing or new industrial units, other infrastructure and services, industrial estate, road/rail line, service station, golf course, leisure centre/stadium, car park, industrial/agricultural unit with large powder/liquid discharges

³ Direct impacts such as removal or modification, or indirect through disturbance such as run-off, noise, dust, lighting or increased recreational use

⁴ Please contact Natural England to ascertain whether the development will have an impact on SPA/SAC/SSSI or Ramsar. Any relevant correspondence with Natural England should be submitted with the application

⁵ Mitigation = measures which avoid or make the impact less severe

SECTION 2A – PROTECTED SPECIES

PLEASE MARK 'X' IN COLUMN B NEXT TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS IN COLUMN A THAT APPLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT FOR EACH QUESTION MARKED X, COLUMN C INDICATES (BLACK DOTS) THE SPECIES SURVEYS REQUIRED											
A	B	C									
	MARK X/Y	SPECIES PROTECTED BY LAW THAT MAY POTENTIALLY BE AFFECTED - FURTHER SURVEYS WILL BE REQUIRED.									
		Bats	Barn Owl	Dormouse	Breeding birds	Amphibians	Water Vole	Badger	Otter	Crayfish	Reptiles
PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL TRIGGER A PROTECTED SPECIES SURVEY											
Will the proposed works affect ⁹ existing buildings/structures with ANY of the following features? • Clay-tiled pitched roofs • Loft spaces • Hanging tiles • Wooden cladding • Open soffits • Underground structures such as (but not exclusively) cellars, air raid shelters, ice-houses, tunnels • Bridge structures, aqueducts or viaducts especially over water or wet ground • Dense climbing plants • Large agricultural buildings, particularly, but not exclusively, those of a traditional construction • All other buildings in a derelict or decayed state in a rural location		•		•							
Are there streams, rivers, lakes or other <u>watercourses/aquatic habitat</u> on or within 200m of the proposals?		•	•		•						•

⁹ Direct impacts such as removal or modification, or indirect through disturbance such as run-off, noise, dust, lighting or increased recreational use

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Please note that the above list does not include all protected species and all circumstance where species may be affected. In all circumstances legislation pertaining to protected species still applies and it is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that protected species and habitats are not impacted as a result of development. If protected species are found during the course of development, work should be halted and advice is sought.

¹⁰ Direct impacts such as removal or modification, or indirect through disturbance such as run off, noise, dust, lighting or increased recreational use

¹¹ A major application = more than 10 units, more than 0.5 Ha, or more than 1000m² floor area in non-residential development

¹² Where the surface area of the pond, when water is at its highest level (excluding flood events), is 225m² (c. 15m x 15m)

SECTION 3 - VALIDATION CHECKLIST

Please mark with an X in the shaded column ALL biodiversity information that accompany this application resulting from the prompting of this biodiversity checklist

Please note that if all required information is not included within the application, then it will NOT be validated.

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Biodiversity Checklist SECTION ONE* (Designated sites and Priority Habitats)	X
SECTION 1B Biodiversity statement	
Biodiversity Checklist SECTION TWO* (Protected species)	X
SECTION 2B PROTECTED SPECIES STATEMENT (S)	
Bats	
Barn Owl	
Dormouse	
Breeding birds	
Amphibians	
Water vole	
Badger	
Otter	
Crayfish	
Reptiles	
Correspondence from Nature Conservation Organisation/Local Authority/Other (as indicated by the checklist)	

(*required for all applications)

Required?	Attached?
X	
X	

Thank you for completing this checklist. Please return to the Local Authority all completed sections, along with the application and all supplementary information indicated above (in paper format or attached electronically).