Validation of Planning Applications

PLANNING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (LOCAL)

FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION SURVEY AND REPORT

In Accordance With

The Town and Country Planning Development Management Procedure Order 2010

Revised July 2013

Biodiversity Checklist to accompany planning applications

Please refer to the guidance notes which specify the types of application which must be accompanied by this checklist. Where identified as required any surveys must also accompany an application.

Question 1: Pre-existing knowledge

To the best of your knowledge are any protected species such as, but not limited to, bats, specially protected birds such as barn owl or kingfisher, great crested newts, reptiles, water voles, badgers or otters present within the site or would be affected by the proposal?

If Yes, please provide further details: Yes ○ / No ⊙

Question 2: Water Voles

Does the proposal affect or is it within 5m of a river, stream, ditch, canal or lake?

Yes ○ / No ⊙

Question 3: Great Crested Newts

Is the proposal within 500m of a pond? If so will the building and associated working area of the development directly affect any rubble or log piles, trees, scrub, hedgerows or long grassland?

Yes ○ / No ⊙

Question 4: Bats

Does the proposed development constitute or include the modification conversion, demolition or removal of buildings and structures (especially roof voids) involving the following:

- All agricultural buildings (*e.g.* farmhouses and barns) particularly of traditional brick or stone construction and/or with exposed wooden beams greater than 20cm thick?
- All buildings with weather boarding and/or hanging tiles that are within 200m of woodland and/or water?
- Pre-1960 detached buildings and structures within 200m of woodland and/or water?
- Pre-1914 buildings within 400m of woodland and/or water?
- Pre-1914 buildings with gable ends or slate roofs, regardless of location?
- All tunnels, kilns, ice-houses, adits, military fortifications, air raid shelters, cellars and similar underground ducts and structures?
- Proposals affecting gravel pits or quarries and natural cliff faces and rock outcrops with crevices or caves?
- All bridge structures, aqueducts and viaducts (especially over water and wet ground)?
- Lighting of churches and listed buildings or flood lighting of green space within 50m of woodland, water, field hedgerows or lines of trees with obvious connectivity to woodland or water?
- Affecting woodland, or field hedgerows and/or lines of trees especially those with obvious connectivity to woodland or water bodies?

- Proposals affecting or within 200*m of rivers, streams, canals, lakes, or other aquatic habitats.
- Buildings and walls with thick, dense ivy covering?
- Tall walls (higher than 2 m) with crevices present?
- Proposed tree work (felling or lopping) and/or development affecting?
  - old and veteran trees, and trees that are older than 100 years?
  - trees with obvious holes, cracks or cavities?
  - trees with a girth greater than 1m at chest height?
  - trees with substantial coverings of ivy?

Yes ○ / No ◎

Question 5: Birds

Is the proposal likely to affect any of the following protected bird species:

1) Those listed on Schedule 1 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)? http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/waca1981_schedule1.pdf

2) Those listed as Species of Principle Importance in England under S41 of the NERC Act? http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx

3) Those associated with the Nene Washes (or other National or European designated sites if relevant)? http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/SPA/UK9008031.pdf

Yes ○ / No ◎

Question 6: Badgers and/ or Reptiles

Does the building and associated working area of your proposal directly affect any derelict (brown-field) land, allotments, woodland or linear features e.g. hedgerows, ditches or rows of trees?

Yes ○ / No ◎

Further action for questions 2-6:

Where a positive answer is given to any of questions 2 to 6, relevant protected species survey work should be carried out by a suitably experienced ecologist and a report a must accompany the planning application.

Alternatively you may provide evidence (e.g. statement from a suitably qualified ecologist) to demonstrate that no priority species or habitats are likely to be impacted on by your proposals to rule out the need for further survey work.

Question 7: Nationally and Locally important wildlife sites

Will the proposal impact (directly or indirectly) on a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Regionally Important Geological Site (RIGS) or County Wildlife Site (CWS)?

Yes ○ / No ◎

If Yes, please provide further evidence with your planning submission including the amount (sq m) of affected sites. Please also state the relevant section within your Environmental Statement where this information may be found:

Please note, answers to Questions 8 and 9 are only required for EIA Development

Question 8: Habitats of Principle Importance for Conservation

Will your proposal result in a net gain in Priority Habitats?

Yes ○ / No ⊙

Please state the relevant section within your Environmental Statement where this information may be found or alternatively please complete the following table:

Amount (Ha) of Habitats of Principle Importance for Conservation created and/or enhanced which can be attributed to proposed development

	Existing	Proposed habitat (ha or linear metres)				
Local BAP Habitat	Existing habitat (Ha or linear m)	Existing habitat Loss	Habitat retained (current condition)	Habitat retained & enhanced	New habitat created	Comments
Arable Field Margins						
Fenland Drainage Ditches						
Fens						
Floodplain and Grazing Marsh						
Hedgerows						
Lowland Chalk Grassland						
Neutral Grassland						
Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land						
Ponds, Lakes and Standing Water						
Reedbeds						
Rivers and Streams						
Traditional Orchards						
Veteran Trees and Parklands						
Wet Woodland						
Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland						
TOTALS					Ha (+ m)	

Question 9: Green Infrastructure (GI)

Will your proposal result in a net gain in GI (excluding Priority Habitats)

Yes ○ / No ◉

Please also state the relevant section within your Environmental Statement where this information may be found or alternatively please complete the following table:

Amount and quality of green infrastructure attributed to proposed development

	Existing	Proposed Green Infrastructure (ha or linear metres or number if mature trees)				
Green Infrastructure (GI) Types	Existing GI (Ha or linear metres)	Existing habitat Loss	Habitat retained (current condition)	Habitat retained & enhanced	New habitat created	Comments
Individual Broadleaf and/ or coniferous trees						
Non-BAP Grassland						
Non-BAP Wetland Habitat						
Non-BAP Woodland						
Other						
TOTALS					Ha + no of trees	

Impact on Public Rights of Way Network

Will the proposal permanently affect the public rights of way network?

PROW Network – *Adversely Affected (Loss)* (Length - linear metres)	PROW Network – *Adversely Affected* (Qualitative loss)	PROW Network – *Enhancement (Gain)* (Length - linear metres)	PROW Network – *Enhancement* (Qualitative improvements)
e.g. x m of footpath to be lost.	e.g. x m of bridleway to be downgraded to footpath status.	e.g. Additional x m of footpath - permissive right of way.	e.g. x m of existing Green Wheel route to be upgraded to bridleway status

Details of person responsible for completing checklist

Name: JOHN DADGE

Relationship to proposal: AGENT
(E.g. agent, applicant, ecological consultant).

Declaration:
Being familiar with the proposal and site in question the information supplied above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: John Dadge **Date:** 16/8/18