

Environmental Checklist

For Replacement of Barn with New Dwelling
at Mole Drove, Gedney Hill

Question 1

Does the scheme require alteration to existing paving?

YES (If Yes)

Does the site fall within a conservation area?

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NO (Proceed to Question 2)

Question 2

Does the project involve significant work to a roof or roof space?

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YES (If Yes)

Check for bats, barn owls, swifts, swallows and house martins. Avoid the summer breeding season and design scheme so that access is retained. A DEFRA licence may be required if bats roost in the building. Contact an Ecologist. (Proceed to Question 3)

NO (Proceed to Question 3)

Question 3

Does the proposal involve the felling of, or working beneath the crown of an existing large tree/s?

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YES (If Yes)

Follow National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) guidelines. Further advice is available from County Arboricultural Officer. (Proceed to question 3a)

NO (Proceed to Question 3a)

Question 3a

Is the tree/s in a Conservation Area or covered by a Tree Preservation Order?

YES (If yes)

District Councils will advise whether the tree is subject to a TPO. Any proposal affecting a TPO tree must be discussed with the District Tree Officer. (Proceed to Question 3b)

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NO (Proceed to Question 3b)

Question 3b

Is the tree ivy-covered, or does it contain holes or cracks?

YES (If yes)

Tree may be used by bats or barn owls roost. Seek further advice from County Council Ecologist. (Proceed to question 4)

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NO (Proceed to Question 4)

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Question 4

Does the proposal involve felling a length of hedge, or clearing any woody vegetation?

YES (If yes)

Ensure this work does not take place during 1st March – June 30th as birds may be nesting*. Hedge may be covered by Hedgerow Regulations. Contact District Council to check. Arrange for a similar or greater length of hedge to be planted to replace the habitat. If completely clearing vegetation from a site, consider whether reptiles could be present and if a survey is needed. If in doubt, consult County Ecologist. (Proceed to Question 5)

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NO (Proceed to Question 5)

Question 5

Could the proposal affect the shelter, feeding areas or access routes of badgers?

YES (If yes)

Consult County Ecologist (Proceed to Question 6)

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NO (Proceed to Question 6)

Question 6

Will the proposal affect a protected site e.g. a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or a County Wildlife Site (CWS)?

YES (If yes)

All sites are shown on the NCC Map Browser or the County Ecologist can advise. English Nature should be consulted well in advance on any works affecting a SSSI. Consult the County Ecologist on any works affecting a CWS.

(Proceed to Question 7)

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NO (Proceed to Question 7)

Question 7

Will the work involve disturbance to watercourses, river beds or river banks, ponds, or alter the drainage to any wetland habitats nearby?

YES (If yes)

You may need to survey for water voles, otters, great crested newts and other protected species. You may also need to consult the Environment Agency. (Proceed to Question 8)

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NO (Proceed to Question 8)

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Question 8

Will the work affect a Public Right of Way?

YES (If yes)

Consult Public Rights of Way Development Officer. (Proceed to Question 9)

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NO (Proceed to Question 9)

Question 9

Will the work affect a Scheduled Ancient Monument or other archaeological feature?

YES (If yes)

Consult Principal Archaeologist, Norfolk Landscape Archaeology.
(Proceed to Question 10)

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NO (Proceed to Question 10)

Question 10

Will the work affect a listed building?

YES (If yes)

Contact District Council Buildings Conservation Officer to discuss proposal.

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NO

Action(s) required:

Check for bats, barn owls.