Validation of Planning Applications

PLANNING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (LOCAL)

FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION SURVEY AND REPORT

THE FENLAND BIODIVERSITY CHECKLIST

(MINOR/OTHER PROPOSALS)

In Accordance With

The Town and Country Planning Development Management Procedure Order 2015

Biodiversity Checklist to accompany planning applications

Please refer to the Validation local requirements 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, great crested newts, reptiles, water voles, badgers or otters present within the site or would be affected by the proposal?

Yes ☐ / No ☑

If Yes, please provide further details:

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 100m of a pond (excluding small garden ponds under 25m² or heavily fish-stocked ponds)? If so will the building and associated working area of the development directly affect any rubble or log piles, 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: Barn owls

Does the proposal include modification, conversion, demolition or removal of any agricultural buildings (*e.g.* farmhouses and barns)?

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.

Details of person responsible for completing checklist

Name: George Thorpe **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: George Thorpe **Date:** 08/07/2021