

Bat Survey Report

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INTRODUCTION

Instruction and background

Iceni Ecology Ltd. was instructed by Zestan Limited 'the Client', to undertake a bat survey at the main property at Clayhill Lodge, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 8JP.

The bat survey is in support of a future planning application to demolish Clayhill Lodge and provide residential dwellings on the plot which comprises the main property and garden area. The survey was recommended from a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA)¹ undertaken by Iceni Ecology Ltd. in 2018 which concluded that the main property was assessed as having 'high' potential to support a bat roost due to numerous bat roost features, in particular, gaps under roofing and hanging tiles, and under lead flashing to the south-eastern elevation.

The purpose of the bat survey was to:

- Establish presence / likely absence of a bat roost and general bat activity.
- Provide an early indication of any likely mitigation or compensation requirements.

Location and description of site

The site is centred on approximate Ordnance Survey (OS) Grid Reference TQ 20167 60987 (Figure 1). The location is just north-west of Epsom centre in a predominantly residential area.

The survey area comprised the main property; the indicative redline boundary of the whole site is shown on Figure 2.

¹ Iceni Ecology Ltd. (October, 2018). Preliminary Ecological Appraisal at Clayhill Lodge, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 8JP for Zestan Limited. V1.0.

Figure 1: Location of site, centred on red marker

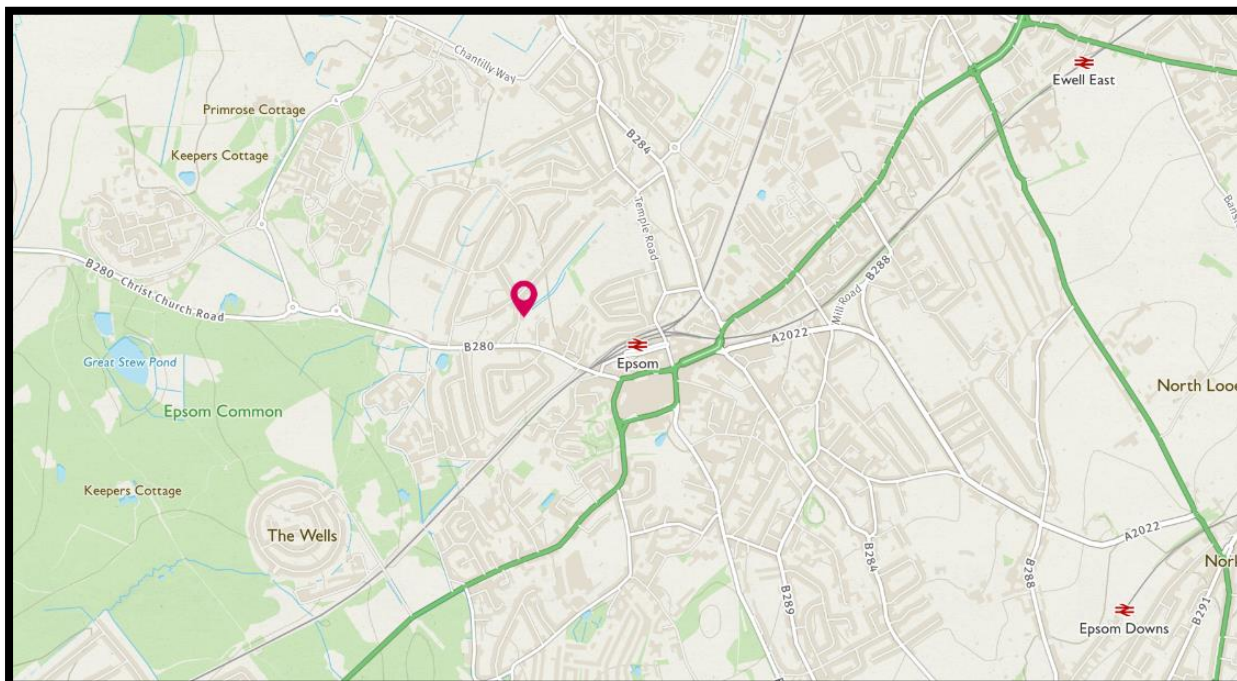


Figure 2: Indicative redline boundary of whole site, with main property marked with blue star



Relevant wildlife legislation

Certain habitats and species are protected under legislation. The principal legislation relevant to the proposed development is as follows:

- The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)² ['The Habitats Regulations']. The Habitats Regulations implement The Habitats Directive 1992 [92/43/EEC] into English Law.
- Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)³ (WCA).
- The Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006 (NERC).

With respect to bats, under The Habitats Regulations it is an offence to:

- Deliberately capture, injure or kill a bat.
- Deliberately disturb a bat in a way that would affect its ability to survive, breed or rear young (or hibernate or migrate) or significantly affect the local distribution or abundance of the species.
- Damage or destroy a roost. This is an 'absolute' offence and need not be deliberate or intentional.
- Possess, control, transport, sell, exchange or offer for sale/exchange any live or dead bat or any part of a bat.

With respect to bats under the WCA, it is an offence to:

- Intentionally or recklessly disturb a bat at a roost.
- Intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to a roost.
- Sell and advertise.

Planning context

The National Planning Policy Framework

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2019 – which applies only to England – was first published in 2012. It provides the framework for producing local plans for housing and other development, which in turn provide the background against which applications for planning permission are decided.

The NPPF must be taken into account in preparing the development plan and is a material consideration in planning decisions. Planning policies and decisions must also reflect relevant international obligations and statutory requirements.

² Amended by the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) Regulations 2012 S.I. 2012/1927.

³ Amended by the Countryside & Rights of Way Act (2000).

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Emergence bat surveys

Three emergence bat surveys were undertaken at the main property in accordance with the Bat Conservation Guidelines⁴ by Dru Hall BSc (Hons) MCIEEM CEnv of Icen Ecology Ltd and assistant. A summary is shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Bat survey summary - 2019

Date	Survey	Scope	Surveyors
30/05/19	Emergence (dusk)	Main property with general activity	Dru Hall* Darren Hood**
13/06/19	Emergence (dusk)	Main property with general activity	Dru Hall Darren Hood
08/07/19	Emergence (dusk)	Main property with general activity	Dru Hall Darren Hood

*Class II level licensed bat worker **Surveyor experienced in bat surveys but not yet licensed.

Limitations

There were no limitations to the survey work.

⁴ Collins, J. (ed.) (2016) Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists: Good Practice Guidelines (3rd edn). The Bat Conservation Trust, London.

RESULTS

Emergence bat surveys

Based upon the results and recommendations from the PEA undertaken in 2018, three emergence surveys were undertaken during May, June and July in 2019 (Table 1).

The full results are presented as Appendix A; a summary is given below:

Table 2: Bat emergence survey results summary –2019

Date and sunset time	Results – combined from two surveyors: Dru Hall – south-western corner of property / Darren Hood – south-eastern corner of property
30/05/19 [21:05]	<p>The first recording was a common pipistrelle <i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i> at 21:25, with a pass from around the north-east of the garden, followed by two more passes of the same species from the south of the garden, then from east to west at 21:31 and 21:41.</p> <p>A noctule <i>Nyctalus noctula</i> was recorded foraging over the garden at 21:45, 21:54 and 22:28. These are large bats that forage and commute relatively high in the sky.</p> <p>For the rest of the evening, common pipistrelle was recorded relatively frequently foraging over the garden, and commuting. A soprano pipistrelle <i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i> was recorded foraging in the garden at 22:21 and commuting at 22:28 and 22:31</p> <p>No bats were observed emerging from the main property.</p>
13/06/19 [21:18]	<p>Two common pipistrelles were observed emerging from the hanging tiles south-east of the main property at 21:39 and 21:44, with general low common pipistrelle activity over the garden area.</p> <p>Confirmed roost.</p>
08/07/19 [21:17]	<p>A single common pipistrelle was observed emerging from hanging tiles near dormer window at 21:14. The remainder of the evening survey was mainly from common pipistrelle foraging over the garden area and commuting.</p> <p>Soprano pipistrelle was recorded commuting and foraging over the garden area at 21:46 and 21:59. A noctule passed over at 22:25 and 22:31.</p> <p>Confirmed roost.</p>

The results show that the garden area to the south / south-east of the main property is being used for bat commuting and foraging by common and soprano pipistrelle, and occasionally by noctule.

A ‘day roost⁵’ of common pipistrelle roost is confirmed in the hanging tiles to the south-east elevation of the main property (Figure 3).

⁵ ‘day roost’: A place where individual bats or small groups of males, rest or shelter in the day, but are rarely found by night in the summer [Bat Conservation Guidelines definition].

Figure 3: Position of day roost by common pipistrelle bats (yellow arrow)



EVALUATION

A PEA of Clayhill Lodge and garden area was undertaken by Icen Ecology Ltd. in October, 2018. The main property was assessed as having 'high' bat roost potential due to conducive features, particularly gaps under roof and hanging tiles, and under flashing to the southern / south-eastern elevation.

Three emergence bat surveys were subsequently undertaken at the property during May, June and July 2019 by Icen Ecology Ltd.

A 'day roost' was confirmed by low numbers of common pipistrelle bats in the hanging tiles around the dormer window to the south-eastern elevation of the main property.

In accordance with current legislation, a European Protected Species (EPS) licence is required from Natural England when there is a reasonable likelihood that an offence will be committed in the absence of mitigation. In this case, the proposals involving demolition would be likely to result in deliberate disturbance, obstructing access and causing damage / destruction of a breeding site or resting place, in the absence of mitigation.

In determining whether or not to grant a licence, Natural England must apply the requirements of the Habitats Regulations only after three 'tests' have been satisfied in relation to the proposed action, as follows:

- (1) the proposed action must be for the purposes of "preserving public health or public safety or other imperative reasons of overriding public interest including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment";
- (2) "there is no satisfactory alternative" and
- (3) "the action authorised will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status (FCS) in their natural range."

An FCS is defined in the Habitats Directive⁶ as follows:

- I. Population dynamics data on the species concerned indicated that it is maintaining itself on a long-term basis as a viable component of its natural habitats; and
- II. The natural range of the species is neither being reduced nor is likely to be reduced for the foreseeable future; and
- III. There is, and will probably continue to be, a sufficiently large habitat to maintain its population on a long-term basis.

⁶ Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora.

An EPS Licence can only be applied for once planning permission has been granted.

With respect to determining the planning application where EPS are involved, the Local Planning Authority (LPA) should have 'due regard' to EPS. The LPA should only refuse planning permission on EPS grounds if (i) a breach of Article 12 of the Habitats Directive is likely; and (ii) a licence from NE is unlikely (i.e. the three 'tests' cannot be met).

The emergence survey data would be used to apply for an EPS licence, and the methodology of the works and mitigation required to maintain FCS would be included in the application.

'Mitigation' will include the following:

- **Avoidance:** Avoidance is always the preferred form of mitigation. It involves steps taken to avoid deliberate killing, injury or disturbance to bats and to existing roosts. This includes timing of works and retention of a roosting site.
- **Roost restored or created:** If a roosting site cannot be retained *in situ* or will be modified by development or maintenance works, then the works must ensure the roost must be restored to its former roosting opportunities or created to mimic the roost lost.

Critical information gathered on the bat roost requirements to ensure this is possible include: access points, roosting site, size and material, temperature, long-term habitat management and maintenance.

Ecological data gathered on site detail what habitats are being used by which bat species for a variety of essential behaviours; roosting, foraging and commuting. These habitats should be maintained or recreated as part of the mitigation process, this will be guided by the ecological consultant and the data collected during surveys of the site.

- **Post-development population monitoring:** This is an essential part of the mitigation process as it feeds back data into the system to assess firstly whether the mitigation is working and secondly if it isn't, whether interventions are needed to adjust the mitigation implemented.

RECOMMENDATIONS

With respect to planning applications, enhancements are necessary under the NPPF and local planning policies. The following recommendations will ensure that biodiversity planning policy is satisfied.

Landscape planning

With respect to any proposed landscaped areas of the site, recommendations will ensure that the site remains suitable for foraging:

- Ornamental shrubs should not include any genera or species listed on Schedule 9 of the WCA. Plants on the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) Perfect for Pollinators lists can provide increased resource availability (Appendix B).
- New planting of shrubs and trees should comprise native species and / or be of benefit to wildlife.

Bats and lighting

A lighting strategy will need to be devised for the site in accordance with BCT recommendations (Appendix C).

APPENDIX A – BAT SURVEY RESULTS 2019

30/05/19 – Emergence

13/06/19 – Emergence

08/07/19 - Emergence

BAT SURVEY RESULTS - EMERGENCE



Project name:	Clayhill Lodge, Epsom: 19 0028		
Date:	30/05/2019	Sunset [24hr]:	21:05
Type of survey:	Emergence	Surveyor(s):	D Hood
Start time:	20:45	End Time:	22:35
Start temperature °C:	18	End temperature °C:	14
OS Grid Ref:	TQ 20181 60984	Wind: (N)one, (L)ight, (M)od, (S)trong:	N
Bat Detector(s):	Echo Touch Meter / iPad	Rain: (N)one, (L)ight, (M)od, (H)eavy:	N
Position of surveyor: South-east corner of house in garden			
Time(s):	Species:	No.	Activity: (E)mergence, (R)e-entry, (P)ass/Commuting, (F)oraging, (S)warming; Heard Not Seen (HNS) & Target Notes such as flight direction.
21:25	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
21:29	Common pipistrelle	1	F over garden to front of house
21:31 to 21:32	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
21:41	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
21:43	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
21:45	Noctule	1	P HNS
21:54	Noctule	1	P HNS
22:10	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
22:14	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
22:15	Soprano pipistrelle	1	F HNS in distance
22:17	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
22:22	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
22:28	Noctule	1	P HNS
22:33	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
Notes:	No bats observed emerging from Clayhill Lodge		

BAT SURVEY RESULTS - EMERGENCE



Project name:	Clayhill Lodge, Epsom: 19 0028		
Date:	30/05/2019	Sunset [24hr]:	21:05
Type of survey:	Emergence	Surveyor(s):	D Hall
Start time:	20:45	End Time:	22:35
Start temperature °C:	18	End temperature °C:	14
OS Grid Ref:	TQ 20164 60973	Wind: (N)one, (L)ight, (M)od, (S)trong:	N
Bat Detector(s):	Elekon Batlogger M	Rain: (N)one, (L)ight, (M)od, (H)eavy:	N

Position of surveyor: *South-western corner of house in garden*

Time(s):	Species:	No.	Activity: (E)mergence, (R)e-entry, (P)ass/Commuting, (F)oraging, (S)warming; Heard Not Seen (HNS) & Target Notes such as flight direction.
21:25	Common pipistrelle	1	P from around north-east of garden
21:31	Common pipistrelle	1	P from south of garden
21:41	Common pipistrelle	1	P from east to west
21:45	Noctule	1	F over garden
21:54	Noctule	1	F over garden HNS
22:10	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
22:14	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
22:21	Soprano pipistrelle	1	F over garden HNS
22:22	Common pipistrelle	1	F over garden HNS
22:24	Common pipistrelle	1	P from west to east
22:28	Soprano pipistrelle	1	P HNS
22:28	Noctule	1	P HNS
22:29	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
22:31	Soprano pipistrelle	1	P HNS
22:32	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS

Notes:	No bats observed emerging from Clayhill Lodge.
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BAT SURVEY RESULTS - EMERGENCE



Project name:	Clayhill Lodge, Epsom: 19 0028		
Date:	13/06/2019	Sunset [24hr]:	21:18
Type of survey:	Emergence	Surveyor(s):	D Hood
Start time:	21:00	End Time:	22:48
Start temperature °C:	12	End temperature °C:	12
OS Grid Ref:	TQ 20181 60984	Wind: (N)one, (L)ight, (M)od, (S)trong:	N
Bat Detector(s):	Echo Touch Meter / iPad	Rain: (N)one, (L)ight, (M)od, (H)eavy:	N/L
Position of surveyor: <i>South-east corner of house in garden</i>			
Time(s):	Species:	No.	Activity: (E)mergence, (R)e-entry, (P)ass/Commuting, (F)oraging, (S)warming; Heard Not Seen (HNS) & Target Notes such as flight direction.
21:39	Common pipistrelle	1	E from hanging tiles south-east of house
21:44	Common pipistrelle	1	E from hanging tiles south-east of house
21:46	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
21:53	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
22:20	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
22:22	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
Notes:	1/2 common pipistrelle observed emerging from hanging tiles of property (southern aspect).		

BAT SURVEY RESULTS - EMERGENCE



Project name:	Clayhill Lodge, Epsom: 19 0028		
Date:	13/06/2019	Sunset [24hr]:	21:18
Type of survey:	Emergence	Surveyor(s):	D Hall
Start time:	21:00	End Time:	22:48
Start temperature °C:	12	End temperature °C:	12
OS Grid Ref:	TQ 20164 60973	Wind: (N)one, (L)ight, (M)od, (S)trong:	N
Bat Detector(s):	Elekon Batlogger M	Rain: (N)one, (L)ight, (M)od, (H)heavy:	N/L
Position of surveyor: <i>South-western corner of house in garden.</i>			
Time(s):	Species:	No.	Activity: (E)mergence, (R)e-entry, (P)ass/Commuting, (F)oraging, (S)warming; Heard Not Seen (HNS) & Target Notes such as flight direction.
21:39	Common pipistrelle	1	E from hanging tiles south-east of house
21:44	Common pipistrelle	1	E from hanging tiles south-east of house
21:46	Common pipistrelle	1	F over garden west to east and then south
21:53	Common pipistrelle	1	P west to east
22:20	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
22:22	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
Notes:	2 common pipistrelle observed emerging from hanging tiles of property (southern aspect).		

BAT SURVEY RESULTS - EMERGENCE



Project name:	Clayhill Lodge, Epsom: 19 0028		
Date:	08/07/2019	Sunset [24hr]:	21:17
Type of survey:	Emergence	Surveyor(s):	D Hood
Start time:	21:00	End Time:	22:47
Start temperature °C:	17	End temperature °C:	17
OS Grid Ref:	TQ 20181 60984	Wind: (N)one, (L)ight, (M)od, (S)trong:	N
Bat Detector(s):	EM Touch Meter / iPad	Rain: (N)one, (L)ight, (M)od, (H)eavy:	N
Position of surveyor: <i>South-east corner of house in garden</i>			
Time(s):	Species:	No.	Activity: (E)mergence, (R)e-entry, (P)ass/Commuting, (F)oraging, (S)warming; Heard Not Seen (HNS) & Target Notes such as flight direction.
21:14	Common pipistrelle	1	Emerged from hanging tiles near dormir window.
21:18	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
21:20	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
21:21	Common pipistrelle	1	P
21:25	Common pipistrelle	1	P
21:27	Common pipistrelle	1	F over lawn area
21:28	Common pipistrelle	1	P from west to east across lawn
21:31	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
21:37	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
21:46	Soprano pipistrelle	1	P from west to east across lawn
21:59	Soprano pipistrelle	1	F over lawn area
22:07	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
22:25	Nocule	1	P HNS
22:28	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
22:31	Noctule	1	P HNS
Notes:	1 x common pipistrelle observed emerging from hanging tiles near dormir window (southern aspect).		

BAT SURVEY RESULTS - EMERGENCE



Project name:	Clayhill Lodge, Epsom: 19 0028		
Date:	08/07/2019	Sunset [24hr]:	21:17
Type of survey:	Emergence	Surveyor(s):	D Hall
Start time:	21:00	End Time:	22:47
Start temperature °C:	17	End temperature °C:	17
OS Grid Ref:	TQ 20164 60973	Wind: (N)one, (L)ight, (M)od, (S)trong:	N
Bat Detector(s):	Elekon Batlogger M	Rain: (N)one, (L)ight, (M)od, (H)eavy:	N
Position of surveyor: <i>South-western corner of house in garden</i>			
Time(s):	Species:	No.	Activity: (E)mergence, (R)e-entry, (P)ass/Commuting, (F)oraging, (S)warming; Heard Not Seen (HNS) & Target Notes such as flight direction.
21:14	Common pipistrelle	1	Emerged from hanging tiles near dormer window.
21:18	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
21:20	Common pipistrelle	1	F HNS
21:21	Common pipistrelle	1	P
21:25	Common pipistrelle	1	P
21:27	Common pipistrelle	1	F over lawn area
21:28	Common pipistrelle	1	P from west to east across lawn
21:31	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
21:37	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
21:46	Soprano pipistrelle	1	P from west to east across lawn
21:59	Soprano pipistrelle	1	F over lawn area
22:07	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
22:25	Nocule	1	P HNS
22:28	Common pipistrelle	1	P HNS
22:31	Noctule	1	P HNS
Notes:	1 x common pipistrelle observed emerging from hanging tiles near dormer window (southern aspect).		

APPENDIX B

Royal Horticultural Society – Perfect for Pollinators

Get your garden buzzing

- ▶ Plant flowers that are on the **RHS Perfect for Pollinators** plant lists
- ▶ Grow a **range of plants** for year-round flowering
- ▶ **Avoid** plants with double or multi-petalled flowers
- ▶ **Never use pesticides** on plants in flower
- ▶ Provide nest sites for **solitary bees**

Subspecies and cultivars of plants listed here are also Perfect for Pollinators. Plants with double or multi-petalled flowers are excluded.

Winter

Nov – Feb

<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i> Spanish traveller's joy	C
<i>Crocus</i> species crocus (winter-flowering)	B
<i>Eranthis hyemalis</i> winter aconite	B
× <i>Fatsyhedera lizei</i> tree ivy	S
<i>Galanthus nivalis</i> common snowdrop	B
<i>Helleborus</i> species and hybrids hellebore (winter-flowering)	H
<i>Lonicera</i> × <i>purpusii</i> Purpus honeysuckle	S
<i>Mahonia</i> species Oregon grape	S

Photo: RHS / Carol Sheppard (bumblebee on *Salvia farinacea* 'Victoria').



<i>Salix aegyptiaca</i> musk willow	S
<i>Sarcococca confusa</i> sweet box	S
<i>Sarcococca hookeriana</i> sweet box	S
<i>Viburnum tinus</i> laurustinus	S

Spring

Mar – May

<i>Acer campestre</i> Native plant; field maple	S or T
<i>Acer platanoides</i> Norway maple	T
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> sycamore	T
<i>Acer saccharum</i> sugar maple	T
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> horse chestnut	T
<i>Ajuga reptans</i> Native plant; bugle	H
<i>Arabis alpina</i> subsp. <i>caucasica</i> alpine rock cress	H
<i>Armeria juniperifolia</i> juniper-leaved thrift	H
<i>Aubrieta species</i> aubretia	H
<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i> gold dust	H
<i>Berberis darwinii</i> Darwin's barberry	S
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> Japanese barberry	S
<i>Bergenia species</i> elephant ear	H
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> Native plant; common box	S
<i>Caltha palustris</i> Native plant; marsh marigold	H
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i> Judas tree	T
<i>Chaenomeles species</i> Japanese quince	S
<i>Cornus mas</i> Cornelian cherry	S
<i>Cotoneaster conspicuus</i> Tibetan cotoneaster	S
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i> Native plant; common hawthorn	S or T
<i>Crocus species</i> crocus (spring-flowering)	B
<i>Doronicum × excelsum</i> leopard's bane	H
<i>Enkianthus campanulatus</i> redvein enkianthus	S
<i>Erysimum species</i> wallflower	Bi
<i>Erica carnea</i> alpine heath	S
<i>Erica × darleyensis</i> Darley Dale heath	S
<i>Erysimum 'Bredon'</i> wallflower 'Bredon'	H
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i> Native plant; wood spurge	H
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> Mediterranean spurge	H
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i> cypress spurge	H
<i>Euphorbia nicaeensis</i> Nice spurge	H
<i>Euphorbia epithymoides</i> cushion spurge	H
<i>Geranium species</i> cranesbill	H
<i>Geum rivale</i> Native plant; water avens	H
<i>Hebe species</i> hebe	S

<i>Helleborus species & hybrids</i> hellebore (spring-flowering)	H
<i>Iberis saxatilis</i> alpine candytuft	H
<i>Iberis sempervirens</i> perennial candytuft	H
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i> Native plant; common holly	T
<i>Lamium maculatum</i> spotted dead nettle	H
<i>Lunaria annua</i> honesty	Bi
<i>Mahonia species</i> Oregon grape (spring-flowering)	S
<i>Malus baccata</i> Siberian crab	T
<i>Malus domestica</i> edible apple	T
<i>Malus floribunda</i> Japanese crab	T
<i>Malus hupehensis</i> Hupeh crab	T
<i>Malus sargentii</i> Sargent's crab apple	T
<i>Mespilus germanica</i> common medlar	T
<i>Muscari armeniacum</i> Armenian grape hyacinth	B
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i> common star of Bethlehem	B
<i>Pieris formosa</i> lily-of-the-valley bush	S
<i>Pieris japonica</i> lily-of-the-valley bush	S
<i>Primula veris</i> common cowslip	H
<i>Primula vulgaris</i> Native plant; primrose	H
<i>Prunus avium</i> Native plant; wild & edible cherries	T
<i>Prunus domestica</i> wild & edible plums	T
<i>Prunus dulcis</i> almond	T
<i>Prunus incisa</i> 'Kojo-no-mai' cherry 'Kojo-no-mai'	S
<i>Prunus insititia</i> damson	T
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> cherry laurel	S
<i>Prunus mume</i> Japanese apricot	T
<i>Prunus padus</i> Native plant; bird cherry	T
<i>Prunus pendula</i> f. <i>ascendens</i> 'Rosea' flowering cherry	T
<i>Prunus persica</i> peach	T
<i>Prunus spinosa</i> Native plant; blackthorn	S
<i>Prunus tenella</i> dwarf Russian almond	S
<i>Prunus × yedoensis</i> flowering cherry	T
<i>Pulmonaria species</i> lungwort	H
<i>Pyrus communis</i> pear	T
<i>Ribes nigrum</i> blackcurrant	S
<i>Ribes rubrum</i> Native plant; common redcurrant	S
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i> flowering currant	S
<i>Salix caprea</i> Native plant; goat willow (male form only)	S or T
<i>Salix hastata</i> 'Wehrhahnii' halberd willow 'Wehrhahnii'	S
<i>Salix lanata</i> Native plant; woolly willow (male form only)	S
<i>Skimmia japonica</i> skimmia	S
<i>Smyrniolus olusatrum</i> Native plant; alexanders †	Bi
<i>Stachyurus chinensis</i> stachyurus	S
<i>Stachyurus praecox</i> stachyurus	S
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> blueberry	S

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Summer

June – Aug

<i>Achillea</i> species	yarrow	H
<i>Actaea japonica</i>	baneberry	H
<i>Aesculus indica</i>	Indian horse chestnut (resistant to leaf-mining moth)	T
<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	bottlebrush buckeye	S
<i>Agastache</i> species	giant hyssop	H
<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i>	flossflower	A
<i>Alcea rosea</i>	hollyhock	Bi
<i>Allium</i> species	ornamental and edibles (when allowed to flower)	B
<i>Amberboa moschata</i>	sweet sultan	A
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	eastern bluestar	H
<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	large blue alkanet	A
<i>Anchusa capensis</i>	Cape alkanet	A
<i>Angelica archangelica</i>	angelica	Bi
<i>Angelica gigas</i>	purple angelica	Bi
<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>	Native plant; wild angelica	Bi
<i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>	dyer's chamomile	H
<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	snapdragon	A or H
<i>Aquilegia</i> species	columbine	H
<i>Argemone platyceras</i>	crested poppy	A or H
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Native plant; thrift	H
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	goat's beard (male form only)	H
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	common asparagus	H
<i>Astrantia major</i>	greater masterwort	H
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	borage	A
<i>Brachyglottis</i> (Dunedin Group) 'Sunshine'	brachyglottis 'Sunshine'	S
<i>Brachyglottis monroi</i>	Monro's ragwort	S
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	butterfly bush	S
<i>Buddleja globosa</i>	orange ball tree	S
<i>Buphthalmum salicifolium</i>	yellow ox-eye	H
<i>Bupleurum fruticosum</i>	shrubby hare's ear	S
<i>Calamintha nepeta</i>	Native plant; lesser calamint	H
<i>Calendula officinalis</i>	common marigold	A
<i>Callicarpa bodinieri</i> var. <i>giraldii</i>	beautyberry	S
<i>Callistephus chinensis</i>	China aster	A
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Native plant; heather	S
<i>Campanula carpatica</i>	tussock bellflower	H
<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	Native plant; clustered bellflower	H
<i>Campanula lactiflora</i>	milky bellflower	H
<i>Campanula latifolia</i>	Native plant; giant bellflower	H



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<i>Campanula medium</i>	Canterbury bells	Bi
<i>Campanula persicifolia</i>	peach-leaved bellflower	H
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	trumpet honeysuckle	C
<i>Caryopteris</i> × <i>clandonensis</i>	caryopteris	S
<i>Catalpa bignonioides</i>	Indian bean tree	T
<i>Catananche caerulea</i>	blue cupidone	H
<i>Centaurea atropurpurea</i>	purple knapweed	H
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Native plant; cornflower †	A
<i>Centaurea dealbata</i>	mealy centaury	H
<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>	giant knapweed	H
<i>Centaurea montana</i>	perennial cornflower	H
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Native plant; common knapweed	H
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>	Native plant; greater knapweed	H
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	red valerian	H
<i>Centratherum punctatum</i>	Manaos beauty	A
<i>Cerinthe major</i> 'Purpurascens'	honeywort 'Purpurascens'	A
<i>Cirsium rivulare</i> 'Atropurpureum'	purple plume thistle	H
<i>Clarkia unguiculata</i>	butterfly flower	A
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Native plant; old man's beard, travellers' joy	C
<i>Cleome hassleriana</i>	spider flower	A
<i>Consolida ajacis</i>	giant larkspur	A
<i>Convolvulus tricolor</i>	dwarf morning glory	C/A
<i>Coreopsis</i> species	tickseed	H or A
<i>Cornus alba</i>	red-barked dogwood	S
<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>	cosmea	A

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<i>Cosmos sulphureus</i> yellow cosmos	A	<i>Gilia capitata</i> blue thimble flower	A
<i>Crambe cordifolia</i> greater sea kale	H	<i>Glebionis segetum</i> Native plant; corn marigold †	A
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i> Native plant; common hawthorn	S or T	<i>Gypsophila elegans</i> annual baby's breath	A
<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> marrow, courgette	A	<i>Hebe species</i> hebe	S
<i>Cuphea ignea</i> cigar flower	A	<i>Helenium species</i> Helen's flower	H
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i> including Scolymus Group globe artichoke and cardoon	H	<i>Helianthus annuus</i> common sunflower (avoid pollen-free cultivars)	A
<i>Cynoglossum amabile</i> Chinese forget-me-knot	H	<i>Helianthus debilis</i> cucumberleaf sunflower	A
<i>Dahlia species</i> dahlia	H	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> smooth ox-eye	H
<i>Delosperma floribundum</i> ice plant	H	<i>Heliotropium arborescens</i> common heliotrope	A
<i>Delphinium elatum</i> candle larkspur	H	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i> Native plant; hogweed	Bi
<i>Dianthus barbatus</i> sweet william	Bi	<i>Hesperis matronalis</i> dame's violet	H
<i>Dictamnus albus</i> dittany	H	<i>Hydrangea anomala</i> subsp. <i>petiolaris</i> climbing hydrangea	C
<i>Digitalis species</i> foxglove	Bi	<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> paniculate hydrangea (cultivars with many fertile flowers e.g. 'Kyushu', 'Big Ben', 'Floribunda', 'Brussels Lace')	S
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> Native plant; common teasel	Bi	<i>Hyssopus officinalis</i> hyssop	S
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> purple coneflower	H	<i>Iberis amara</i> Native plant; wild candytuft	A
<i>Echinops species</i> globe thistle	H	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i> Native plant; common holly	T
<i>Echium vulgare</i> Native plant; viper's bugloss	A	<i>Inula species</i> harvest daisy	H
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> oleaster	S	<i>Jasminum officinale</i> common jasmine	C
<i>Erica cinerea</i> Native plant; bell heather	S	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i> mountain laurel	S
<i>Erica erigena</i> Irish heath	S	<i>Knautia arvensis</i> Native plant; field scabious	H
<i>Erica vagans</i> Native plant; Cornish heath	S	<i>Knautia macedonica</i> Macedonian scabious	H
<i>Erigeron species</i> fleabane	H	<i>Koeleruteria paniculata</i> pride of India	T
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> golden yarrow	H	<i>Lathyrus latifolius</i> broad-leaved everlasting pea	H
<i>Eryngium × tripartitum</i> eryngo	H	<i>Laurus nobilis</i> bay tree	S
<i>Eryngium alpinum</i> alpine eryngo	H	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> English lavender	S
<i>Eryngium giganteum</i> Miss Willmott's ghost	Bi	<i>Lavandula × intermedia</i> lavandin	S
<i>Eryngium planum</i> blue eryngo	H	<i>Lavandula stoechas</i> French lavender	S
<i>Erysimum × allionii</i> Siberian wallflower	H	<i>Lavatera olbia</i> tree lavatera	S
<i>Erysimum 'Bowles's Mauve'</i> wallflower 'Bowles's Mauve'	S	<i>Lavatera trimestris</i> annual lavatera	A
<i>Escallonia species</i> escallonia	S	<i>Leucanthemum × superbum</i> Shasta daisy	H
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> California poppy	A	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> Native plant; ox-eye daisy	H
<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i> Native plant; hemp agrimony	H	<i>Liatris spicata</i> button snakeroot	H
<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i> Joe Pye weed	H	<i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i> garden privet	S
<i>Euphorbia cornigera</i> horned spurge	H	<i>Ligustrum sinense</i> Chinese privet	S
<i>Euphorbia sarawachanica</i> Zeravshan spurge	H	<i>Limnanthes douglasii</i> poached egg flower	A
<i>Ferula communis</i> giant fennel	H	<i>Limonium platyphyllum</i> broad-leaved statice	H
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> Native plant; common fennel †	H	<i>Linaria maroccana</i> annual toadflax	A
<i>Fragaria × ananassa</i> garden strawberry	H	<i>Linaria purpurea</i> purple toadflax	H
<i>Fuchsia species</i> fuchsia – hardy types	S	<i>Lobularia maritima</i> sweet alyssum	A
<i>Gaillardia × grandiflora</i> blanket flower	H	<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i> Native plant; common honeysuckle	C
<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i> white gaura	H	<i>Lychnis coronaria</i> rose campion	Bi or H
<i>Geranium pratense</i> Native plant; meadow cranesbill	H	<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i> Native plant; ragged robin	H
<i>Geranium species</i> cranesbill (summer-flowering)	H		
<i>Geum species</i> avens (summer-flowering)	H		

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<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	Native plant; yellow loosestrife	H
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Native plant; purple loosestrife	H
<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>	wand loosestrife	H
<i>Malope trifida</i>	large-flowered mallow wort	A
<i>Malva moschata</i>	Native plant; musk mallow	H
<i>Matthiola incana</i>	hoary stock	Bi
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Native plant; water mint	H
<i>Mentha spicata</i>	spearmint	H
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	bergamot	H
<i>Myosotis species</i>	forget-me-not	Bi
<i>Nemophila menziesii</i>	baby blue eyes	A
<i>Nepeta</i> × <i>faassenii</i>	garden catmint	H
<i>Nicotiana alata</i>	flowering tobacco	A
<i>Nicotiana langsdorffii</i>	Langsdorff's tobacco	A
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	love-in-a-mist	A
<i>Nigella hispanica</i>	Spanish fennel flower	A
<i>Oenothera species</i>	evening primrose	Bi
<i>Olearia species</i>	daisy bush	S
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	cotton thistle	Bi
<i>Origanum 'Rosenkuppel'</i>	marjoram 'Rosenkuppel'	H
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Native plant; oregano, wild marjoram	H
<i>Paeonia species</i>	peony	H
<i>Papaver orientale</i>	oriental poppy	H
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Native plant; common poppy †	A
<i>Parthenocissus tricuspidata</i>	Boston ivy	C
<i>Penstemon species</i>	beard-tongue	T
<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	Russian sage	S
<i>Persicaria amplexicaulis</i>	red bistort	H
<i>Persicaria bistorta</i>	Native plant; common bistort	H
<i>Phacelia campanularia</i>	Californian bluebell	A
<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>	fiddleneck	A
<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i>	scarlet runner bean	A
<i>Phlomis species</i>	sage	S
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	perennial phlox	H
<i>Photinia davidiana</i>	stranvaesia	S
<i>Phuopsis stylosa</i>	Caucasian crosswort	H
<i>Pileostegia viburnoides</i>	climbing hydrangea	C
<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>	Native plant; Jacob's ladder	H
<i>Potentilla species</i>	cinquefoil	H or S
<i>Prostanthera cuneata</i>	alpine mint bush	S
<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	hop tree	S
<i>Pyracantha species</i>	firethorn	S
<i>Reseda odorata</i>	garden mignonette	A
<i>Ridolfia segetum</i>	false fennel	A
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	false acacia	T



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<i>Rosa canina</i>	Native plant; dog rose	S
<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>	Native plant; sweet briar	S
<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	Japanese rose	S
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	rosemary	S
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	Native plant; blackberry	S
<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	Native plant; common raspberry	S
<i>Rudbeckia species</i>	coneflower	H or A
<i>Salvia species</i>	sage	A or H
<i>Sanvitalia procumbens</i>	creeping zinnia	A
<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i>	sweet scabious	A
<i>Scabiosa caucasica</i>	garden scabious	H
<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>	Native plant; small scabious	H
<i>Sedum spectabile</i>	& hybrids ice plant	H
<i>Sedum telephium</i>	Native plant; orpine	H
<i>Sidalcea malviflora</i>	checkerbloom	H
<i>Solidago species</i>	goldenrod	H

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<i>Sorbus aria</i> Native plant; common whitebeam	T
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> Native plant; mountain ash, rowan	T
<i>Spiraea japonica</i> Japanese spiraea	S
<i>Stachys byzantina</i> lamb's ear	H
<i>Stachys macrantha</i> big sage	H
<i>Stokesia laevis</i> Stokes' aster	H
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> snowberry	S
<i>Tagetes patula</i> French marigold	A
<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i> tamarisk	S
<i>Tanacetum coccineum</i> pyrethrum	H
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i> Native plant; tansy †	H
<i>Telekia speciosa</i> yellow ox-eye	H
<i>Tetradium daniellii</i> bee-bee tree	T
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> Native plant; wall germander	H
<i>Thymus species</i> thyme	S
<i>Tilia × europaea</i> common lime	T
<i>Tilia maximowicziana</i> lime	T
<i>Tilia oliveri</i> lime	T
<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i> Native plant; broad-leaved lime	T
<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i> Mexican sunflower	A
<i>Trachymene coerulea</i> blue lace flower	A
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i> garden nasturtium	A
<i>Verbascum species</i> mullein	Bi
<i>Verbena × hybrida</i> garden verbena	A
<i>Verbena bonariensis</i> purple top	H
<i>Verbena rigida</i> slender vervain	A
<i>Veronica longifolia</i> garden speedwell	H
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> Culver's root	H
<i>Viburnum lantana</i> Native plant; common wayfaring tree	S
<i>Viburnum opulus</i> Native plant; guelder rose	S
<i>Vicia faba</i> broad bean	A
<i>Weigela florida</i> weigelia	S

<i>Zauschneria californica</i> Californian fuchsia	S
<i>Zinnia elegans</i> youth and old age	A

Autumn

Sept – Oct

<i>Aconitum carmichaelii</i> Carmichael's monk's hood	H
<i>Actaea simplex</i> simple-stemmed bugbane	H
<i>Anemone hupehensis</i> Chinese anemone	H
<i>Anemone × hybrida</i> Japanese anemone	H
<i>Arbutus unedo</i> strawberry tree	S or T
<i>Aster species and hybrids</i> Michaelmas daisy	H
<i>Campanula poscharskyana</i> trailing bellflower	H
<i>Cerastostigma plumbaginoides</i> hardy blue-flowered leadwort	H
<i>Chrysanthemum species & hybrids</i> chrysanthemum	H
<i>Clematis heracleifolia</i> tube clematis	C
<i>Colchicum species</i> autumn crocus	B
<i>Crocus species</i> crocus (autumn-flowering types)	B
<i>Dahlia species & hybrids</i> dahlia	H
<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i> silverthorn	S
<i>Elaeagnus × ebbingei</i> Ebbinge's silverberry	S
<i>Fatsia japonica</i> Japanese aralia	S
<i>Hedera colchica</i> Persian ivy	C
<i>Hedera helix</i> Native plant; common ivy	C
<i>Helianthus × laetiflorus</i> perennial sunflower	H
<i>Leucanthemella serotina</i> autumn ox-eye	H
<i>Machaeranthera tanacetifolia</i> tansy-leaf aster	A
<i>Salvia species</i> sage (autumn-flowering types)	H
<i>Tilia henryana</i> Henry's lime (one of the last to flower)	T

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Glossary of technical terms

Terms used in this document or that may be used by the lighting industry

Arc tube	A tube, normally ceramic or quartz, enclosed by the outer glass envelope of a high-intensity discharge lamp (HID) that contains the arc stream.
Asymmetric beams	Lamp is off-centre in a reflector more steeply curved at one end.
Calculation Plane	An even grid of points denoting the anticipated or modelled intensity (candelas) or illuminance (lux) levels at a given point.
Candela	The intensity of a light source in a specific direction. Unit of luminous intensity.
CMS – Central Management System	Is a specially developed software and service package that can efficiently handle all tasks of data collection and facility management. It allows users to remotely monitor and control lighting and apply dimming and/or switching controls.
Colour Rendering Index (CRI)	A scale from 0 to 100 percent indicating how accurate a given light source is at rendering colour when compared to a reference light source. The higher the number, the better a light source is at revealing the actual colours present at a surface or object.
Contrast	The relationship between the luminance of an object and its background. The higher the contrast the more likely it is an object can be seen.
Cowl	Physical light spill control accessory.
Diffuse	Term describing dispersed light distribution referring to the scattering of light.
Efficacy	A measure of light output against energy consumption measured in lumens per watt.
Glare	The sensation produced by luminances within the visual field that are sufficiently greater than the luminance to which the eyes are adapted, which causes annoyance, discomfort, or loss in visual performance and visibility.
Hood	Physical light spill control accessory.
Illuminance	Illuminance is the quantity of light, or luminous flux, falling on a unit area of a surface. It is sometimes designated by the symbol E. The unit is the lux (lx). Luminance refers to the light given off from a source while illuminance refers to the amount of light hitting a surface.
Lamp	Light source.
Light cone	The angle at which the beam falls off to 50% of peak intensity.
Light pollution	The spillage of light into areas where it is not required. Also known as obtrusive light.
Light spill	The light that falls outside the light cone.
Light trespass (nuisance)	Light that impacts on a surface outside of the area designed to be lit by a lighting installation. The correct legal term is nuisance.
Louvres	Physical light spill control accessory.

Lumen	The unit of light power emitted from a light source
Luminaire	Lighting enclosure, lantern, or unit designed to distribute light from a lamp or lamps.
Luminance	The physical measurement of the stimulus that produces the sensation of brightness measured by the luminous intensity reflected in a given direction. The unit is the candela per square metre (cd/m ²). Luminance refers to the light given off from a source while illuminance refers to the amount of light hitting a surface.
Lux (LX)	This is 'illuminance' or the quantity of light (luminous flux), falling on a unit area of a surface in the environment. It is sometimes designated by the symbol E.
Maintenance factor	A correction applied to a lighting calculation to allow for the build-up of dirt on a luminaire and the depreciation of the lumen output of a lamp over time. 1=100% output, 0.9=90% etc.
Optic	The components of a luminaire such as reflectors, refractors, and protectors which make up the directional light control section.
Photocell	A unit which senses light to control luminaires.
Reflector	A device used to reflect light in a given direction.
Refractor	A device used to redirect the light output from a lamp when the light passes through it. It is usually made from prismatic glass or plastic.
Shield	Physical light spill control accessory.
Sky glow	The brightening of the night sky caused by artificial lighting.
Symmetric beams	Lamp mounted in the centre of the reflector.
Voltage	The difference in electrical potential between two points of an electrical circuit.
Watt (W)	The unit for measuring electrical power.
Upward Light Output Ratio ULOR (%)	The proportion of direct light transmitted from the luminaire above 90° in the vertical plane

Chart of example lux levels for reference

Lighting conditions	Lux level	Lighting conditions	Lux level
British summer sunshine	50,000	Typical side road lighting	5
Overcast sky	5,000	Minimum security lighting	2
Well-lit office	500	Twilight	1
Minimum for easy reading	300	Clear full moon	0.25 to <1
Passageway or outside working area	50	Typical moonlight/cloudy sky	0.1
Good main road lighting	5-20	Typical starlight	0.001
Sunset	10	Poor starlight	0.0001

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1. Bats

General ecology

Bats are the only true flying mammals. Like us, they are warm-blooded, give birth to live young and produce milk for suckling. In Britain there are 18 species, all of which are small (most weigh less than a £1 coin) and eat insects.

Bats have developed a highly sophisticated echolocation system that allows them to avoid obstacles and catch these insects. When they're flying, bats produce a stream of high-pitched calls and listen to the echoes to produce a sound picture of their surroundings.

Some bats specialise in catching large insects such as beetles or moths but others eat large numbers of very small insects, such as gnats, midges and mosquitoes. Bats gather to feed wherever there are lots of insects, so the best places for them include traditional pasture, woodland, hedgerows, marshes, ponds and slow moving rivers.

During the winter there are relatively few insects available, so bats hibernate. They seek out appropriate sheltered roosts, let their body temperature drop to close to that of their surroundings and slow their heart rate to only a few beats per minute. This greatly reduces their energy requirements so that their food reserves last as long as possible.

During the spring and summer period female bats gather together into maternity colonies for a few weeks to give birth and rear their young (called pups). Usually only one pup is born each year. Bats may gather together from a large area to form these maternity roosts in warm and dry environments, so impacts at the summer breeding site can affect the whole colony of bats from a wide surrounding area.

Both winter and summer roosts have specific conditions that bats require at those times of the year and that is why bats are so faithful to their roosts. They are also an unusually long-lived mammal

with a slow reproductive rate for their size, meaning that they return year after year to roosts. If roosts are damaged or disturbed it takes a very long time for a population to recover.

For information on populations see <http://www.bats.org.uk>

Legal protection of bats

Due to the decline in bat numbers over the last century and the importance of specific roost requirements in their life cycle, all species of bat and their roost sites (whether bats are present at the time or not) are fully protected under international and domestic legislation. The international protection (the EC Habitats Directive) has been transposed into national laws by means of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (England and Wales), the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 (as amended) (Scotland) and the Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended). Commonly the regulations are referred to as the Habitats Regulations. This makes it illegal to kill, injure, capture, or cause disturbance that affects populations of bats, obstruct access to bat roosts, or damage or destroy bat roosts. Individual bats are protected from 'intentional' or 'reckless' disturbance under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

Lighting in the vicinity of a bat roost causing disturbance and potential abandonment of the roost could constitute an offence both to a population and to individuals (Garland and Markham, 2007). It is therefore important that the use of an area by bats is thoroughly assessed before artificial lighting is changed or added in the vicinity of a roost or where bats may commute or forage.

Natural England, Natural Resources Wales, Scottish Natural Heritage or Northern Ireland Environment Agency will need to

see that any impacts have been fully assessed and appropriate mitigation considered within any mitigation licence applications in relation to bats. Similarly these bodies will be statutory consultees in planning applications where impacts on Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), including those designated for bat conservation, are considered possible.

Local authorities also have a duty to ensure impacts upon legally protected species are avoided, and impacts upon bats are a material consideration in any planning permission. Furthermore, local authorities typically have specific planning policies ensuring that impacts upon wildlife, including bats, are avoided within development.

Impacts from artificial lighting

Studies have estimated that in 2016 more than 80% of the world population and more than 99% of the U.S. and European population live under light-polluted skies. Worldwide this is up from 66% in 2001, or an increase of more than 14% (Cinzano et al 2001); 'light-polluted skies' are defined as being about 10% higher than normal night sky brightness levels (Fabio et al 2016).

This means that only about a fifth of England now has 'pristine night skies' – that is skies 'completely free from light pollution' (CPRE 2016). Concerns about the impacts of this have been expressed for a long time, both in reference to human and ecosystem health (Gaston et al 2015).

For bats, artificial lighting is thought to increase the chances of predation, and therefore bats may modify their behaviour to respond to this threat (Speakman et al 1991, Jones et al 1994). Many avian predators will hunt bats which may be one reason why bats avoid flying in the day.

When we refer to artificial lighting we are referring to a number of different characteristics and types (see 'Artificial lighting' section below), all of which have varying impacts. For example, different

types of luminaire emit a different spectrum of light. The spectrum of light runs from short wave (ultraviolet) to long wave (infrared), and can vary in intensity (potentially causing glare) and illuminance (measured in lux). Definitions of technical terms can be found in the glossary.

Roosting and commuting

Illuminating a bat roost can cause disturbance (Downs et al 2003) and this may result in the bats deserting the roost or even becoming entombed within it (Packman et al 2015). Light falling on a roost access point will at least delay bats from emerging and this shortens the amount of time available to them for foraging (Boldogh et al 2007). As the main peak of nocturnal insect abundance occurs at and soon after dusk, a delay in emergence means this vital time for feeding is missed. This has been shown to have direct impacts on bats' reproductive ecology, such as slower growth rates and starvation of young (Duverge et al 2000).

In addition, the associated flightpath to and from the access point is just as valuable and vulnerable as the roost itself. Severing a key flightpath some distance from the roost could cause desertion in its own right.

Foraging

In addition to causing disturbance to bats at the roost, artificial lighting can also affect the feeding behaviour of bats. There are two aspects to this. One is the attraction that light from certain types of light sources has to a range of insects; the other is the presence of lit conditions posing a barrier to movement.

Many night-flying species of insect are attracted to light, especially those light sources that emit an ultraviolet component or have a high blue spectral content. This is particularly a problem if it is a single light source in a dark area. As well as moths (Wakefield et al 2015), a range of other insects can be attracted to light such as crane flies, midges and lacewings (Bruce-White et al 2011).

Studies have shown that noctule, Leisler's bat, serotine and pipistrelle bats can congregate around white mercury street lights (Rydell J et al 1993, Blake et al 1994) and white metal halide lamps (Stone et al 2015b) feeding on the insects attracted to the light, but this behaviour is not true for all bat species. The slower-flying broad winged species such as long-eared bats, *Myotis* species (which include Brandt's bat, whiskered, Daubenton's bat, Natterer's bat and Bechstein's bat), barbastelle, and greater and lesser horseshoe bats generally avoid all street lights (Stone et al 2009, 2012, 2015a). Consequently, bat species less tolerant of light are put at a competitive disadvantage and are less able to forage successfully and efficiently. This can have a significant impact upon fitness and breeding success.

The spectral impacts of light break down further still; when presented with lights with a range of colour types, it has been shown that *Plecotus* and *Myotis* species (slow flying) avoided white and green light lit areas, but *Pipistrellus* species (fast flying) were significantly more abundant feeding at these lights (Spoelstra et al 2015, 2017). However, both groups were equally abundant in the red light areas compared to the dark control, which may provide options for lighting when considering mitigation (see 'Mitigation' section below).

In addition it is thought that insects are attracted to lit areas from beyond the immediately illuminated habitat. This is thought to result in adjacent habitats supporting reduced numbers of insects, a 'vacuum effect'; population declines have been shown further afield, suggesting both direct and indirect impacts at play (Langevelde et al 2018). This is a further impact on the ability of the light-avoiding bats to be able to feed. It is noticeable that most of Britain's rarest bats are among those species listed as avoiding artificial light, so artificial lighting has potentially devastating conservation consequences for these species (Rowse et al 2016).

Drinking

The effects of artificial lighting on drinking resources for bats has been recorded to be stronger than on foraging. White light has been shown to stop slower-flying species drinking at cattle troughs, and even for faster-flying species drinking behaviour was reduced, however foraging behaviour increased as above (Russo et al 2017).

Commuting

When considering how bats move through the landscape, artificial lighting has been shown to be particularly harmful if used along river corridors, near woodland edges and near hedgerows. In mainland Europe, in areas where there are foraging or 'commuting' bats, stretches of road are left unlit or lighting is designed in such a way as to avoid bat colonies being cut off from their foraging grounds.

Studies have shown that continuous lighting in the landscape, such as along roads or waterways, creates barriers which many bat species cannot cross, especially the slower-flying species (Fure, A. 2012), even at very low light levels. Lesser horseshoe bats have been shown to move their flight paths which link their roosts and foraging grounds to avoid artificial light installed on their usual commuting route. Significant impacts have been recorded from as low as 3.6 lux (Stone et al 2012). Furthermore, the average light level on hedgerows most regularly used by this species has been recorded at 0.45 lux (Stone et al 2009).

Even bat species that have been shown to opportunistically forage in lit conditions (see above) have subsequently been recorded being impacted by artificial lighting. In our cities, for example, common pipistrelles – the UK's most numerous species – have been recorded avoiding gaps that are well lit, thereby creating a barrier effect (Hale et al 2015).

Migrating

Green light has been shown to not only impact upon foraging bats (see above) but also bats migrating through Europe.

Nathusius' and soprano pipistrelles have been shown to be attracted to green light from a distance further than their echolocation calls reach, indicating they are attracted to the light rather than insects (Voigt et al 2017). This demonstrates positive light attraction for this species meaning limiting UV is only part of the solution and indicates impacts from artificial light at night that aren't yet fully understood for migrating bats. This is especially true given that the most recent studies in this area suggest that red light also causes positive light responses for both of these bat species when they are migrating over and above warm-white light (Voigt et al 2018).

Summary

In summary, these impacts both alone and in combination are likely to have significant impacts for slower-flying, rarer species, and even for fast-flying species, potentially affecting reproductive, foraging and roosting opportunities. On a population and ecosystem level, impacts may affect the overall genetic pool of bat species and their prey species.

Consequently, if bats are suspected as being present on site ecological advice should be sought – and potentially survey data collected – in advance of any lighting design or fixing of scheme layout.

2. Artificial lighting

Types of lights used in exterior lighting applications

- 1. Low-pressure sodium lamps (SOX)** (orange lamps seen along roadsides). Light is emitted predominantly at one wavelength, contains no ultraviolet (UV) light, and has a low attraction to insects. The lamps tend to be large which makes it more difficult to focus the light from these lamps. These are in the gradual process of being removed or replaced, in part due to their poor colour rendition, and will not be available past 2019.
- 2. High-pressure sodium lamps (SON)** (brighter pinkish-yellow lamps). Commonly used as road lighting. Light is emitted over a moderate band of long wavelengths giving little, if any, UV component, except for the version of the lamp used in horticulture. Insects are attracted to the brighter light. The lamp is of medium size and the light can be more easily directed than low pressure sodium. This lamp is still used for some main road lighting but this is being reduced; these lamps are expected to be phased out in the future.
- 3. Mercury lamps (MBF)** (bluish-white lamps). These emit light over a moderate spectrum, including a larger component of UV light to which insects are particularly sensitive. Insects are attracted in large numbers along with high densities of certain tolerant bat species (Rydell & Racey 1993). They ceased to be available in the EU in 2015 and are rare now.
- 4. White SON.** This is a reddish white light source. It is based on high-pressure sodium technology and has the same UV component as SON. This source is no longer used and is not available now.
- 5. Metal halide.** A small lamp and therefore more easy to focus light and make directional. Emits a small UV content. The light source is available in three forms a) quartz arc tube (HQI); b) ceramic arc tube (CDM-T) and c) CosmoPolis which is the newest of the ceramic forms. Still used by some for some exterior lighting applications.
- 6. Light emitting diodes (LEDs).** This is the light source of choice for most local authorities. The light emitted is more directional and normally controlled by lenses or sometimes reflectors. The light is produced in a narrow beam. It is an instant light source. LED is available in a number of colour temperatures. Older installations tend to use 'cool white' (blueish colour) at $>5700^{\circ}$ Kelvin. More recently, 4000° K has become more commonly used. 'Warm white' (more yellow/orange colour) at around 3000° K and as low as 2700° K can now be used with little reduction in lumen output. LED typically features no UV component and research indicates that while lower UV components attract fewer invertebrates, warmer colour temperatures with peak wavelengths greater than 550nm ($\sim 3000^{\circ}$ K) cause less impacts on bats (Stone, 2012, 2015a, 2015b).
- 7. Tungsten halogen.** Is not used in new lighting schemes but may be encountered as security light on a private household.
- 8. Compact fluorescent.** Mostly in use in residential street lighting. It produces a white light; variants are available with

Light source spectral ranges

High pressure sodium	~ 390 to 800 nanometres (nm)
Tungsten Halogen	~ 400 to 800 nm
Metal Halide	~ 400 to 800 nm
LEDs	~ 410 to 750 nm
Compact fluorescent	~ 410 to 820 nm

UV spectral ranges

UVA	315 to 400 nanometres (nm)
UVb	280 to 315 nm
UVc	100 to 280 nm

minimal UV output. It can be used at a low wattage and therefore on a low output to achieve low levels of illuminance (measured in lux).

Legal requirements for lighting

It is important to remember that there is no legislation requiring an area or road to be lit.

The building regulations for domestic buildings specify that 150 watts is the maximum for exterior lighting of buildings but this does not apply to private individuals who install their own lighting.

There are a number of British Standards that relate to various components of lighting – BS5489 for road lighting, BS12164 for outdoor workplaces, BS12193 for sports lighting – and there are also guidelines that relate to crime prevention, prevention of vehicular accidents and amenity use.

BS5266-1:2011 relates to the design of emergency lighting and specifies that the minimum lighting level within an escape route from a building is 1 lux. While this represents an increase in lighting, because of the nature and infrequent use of emergency lighting (as most systems are non-maintained – off unless an emergency occurs) this should not pose an issue to bats.

Lighting and the planning system

Many county councils and less often district and borough councils set out standards in local guidance policy documents.

When a developer is assessing the need for lighting it would be beneficial to ask the local authority for their lighting policy document as this should incorporate all of the above. It is likely that local planning authorities will have policies outlining lighting standards for new roads or in public areas. However, local authorities also have a duty to ensure impacts upon legally protected species are avoided.

Roads, cycleways and footpaths to be adopted by a council highway authority may require some form of lighting. Some local authorities may only use columns and may not permit bollard lighting along footpaths or cycleways, or have certain illuminance standards to meet, therefore it is advisable to seek further specific information for your location. In addition to lighting on the application site the ecologist may also need to assess the effects of proposed illumination on habitat beyond the site boundary; for example, along roads and paths where proposed lighting connects to existing street lighting to cover access to the development and beyond. Surveys for lighting and bat activity to cover these areas may be required outside the proposed development's red line boundary.

Consequently, a judgement on the sensitivity of the particular bat feature or habitat on site and the perceived public need for lighting in proximity to it would need to be made. This would be done through collaborative discussion between the project ecologist, lighting professional and local authority (potentially involving one or more of the planning officer, ecology officer, highways officer or council lighting professional). This team can decide whether, where bat features or habitats are particularly important or sensitive, it may be appropriate to avoid, redesign or limit lighting accordingly. Such reasoned compromise decisions between protected species and public lighting, where it is justified to deviate from policy standards, are becoming increasingly accepted by local authorities. In addition, any unavoidable residual lighting may require further mitigation (alternative habitat creation, artificial barriers to lighting etc) over and above that for direct habitat loss. See 'Mitigation' section below for further information.

Domestic lighting needs no planning permission and depends on direct advice on the effects of lighting on bats being given to the householder. Lighting associated with new development or a

listed building does require planning permission.

When dealing with applications for the addition of artificial lighting planning officers or developers should ensure a lighting assessment is done alongside an ecological assessment. Full details on this process can be found in Mitigation section below.

Planning conditions requiring the detail of any domestic amenity and security lighting are regularly applied, as are those relating to the post-development monitoring of light levels against any modelled or baseline levels. This usually includes light trespass through windows in proximity to important bat habitat or roost features.

3. Mitigation of artificial lighting impacts on bats

This section provides a simple process which should be followed where the impact on bats is being considered as part of a proposed lighting scheme. It contains techniques which can be used on all sites, whether a small domestic project or larger mixed-use, commercial or infrastructure development. It also provides best-practice advice for the design of the lighting scheme for both lighting professionals and other users who may be less familiar with the terminology and theory.

The stepwise process and key follow-up actions are outlined in the flowchart overleaf, and are followed throughout the chapter.

The questions within this flow chart should be asked as early as possible, so that necessary bat survey information can be gathered in advance of any lighting design or fixing of overall scheme design.

Effective mitigation of lighting impacts on bats depends on close collaboration from the outset between multiple disciplines within a project. Depending on the specific challenges this will almost certainly involve ecologists working alongside architects and/or engineers; however, lighting professionals and landscape architects should be approached when recommended by your ecologist. This should be done as early in your project as possible in order to ensure mitigation is as effective as it can be and to minimise delays and unforeseen costs.

Step 1: Determine whether bats could be present on site

If your site has the potential to support bats or you are at all unsure, it is highly recommended that an ecologist is appointed to advise further and conduct surveys, if necessary. This information should be collected as early as possible in the design process, and certainly before lighting is designed, so as to avoid the need for costly revisions.

If any of the following habitats occur on site, and are adjacent to or connected with any of these habitats on or off site, it is possible that newly proposed lighting may impact local bat populations:

- Woodland or mature trees
- Hedgerows and scrub
- Ponds and lakes
- Ditches, streams, canals and rivers
- Infrequently managed grassland
- Buildings – pre 1970s or in disrepair

If you are unsure about whether bats may be impacted by your project, and an ecologist has not yet been consulted, sources of information on the presence of bats within the vicinity of your site include the following.

- Local environmental records centres (LERC) – Will provide third-party records of protected and notable species for a fee. Search <http://www.alerc.org.uk/> for more information.
- National Biodiversity Network Atlas – Provides a resource of third-party ecological records searchable online at <https://nbnatlas.org>. Typically this is less complete than LERC data. Please note: Some datasets are only accessible on a non-commercial basis, while most can be used for any purpose, as long as the original source is credited.
- Local authority planning portals – Most local planning authorities have a searchable online facility detailing recent planning applications. These may have been accompanied by ecological survey reports containing information on bat roosts and habitats.
- Defra's MAGIC map – Provides an online searchable GIS database including details of recent European protected species licences and details of any protected sites designated for bat conservation.

The professional directory at the website of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (www.cieem.net) will provide details of ecologists in your area with the relevant

Step 1

Could bats be present on site?

Consult local sources of ecological information or seek advice from an ecologist

Step 2

Determine the presence of – or potential for – roosts, commuting habitat and foraging habitat and evaluate their importance.

Appoint ecologist to carry out daytime and, if necessary, night-time bat surveys and to evaluate the importance of the site's features and habitats to bats.

Step 3

Avoid lighting on key habitats and features altogether.

No illumination of any roost entrances and associated flightpaths, nor on habitats and features used by large numbers of bats, by rare species or by highly light-averse species.

Step 4

In other locations of value for bats on site, apply mitigation methods to reduce lighting to a minimum.

Spatial design

Building design

Landscaping

Set dark habitat buffers and acceptable lux limits with ecologist guidance

Step 5

Demonstrate compliance with lux limits and buffers.

Lighting professional to prepare final lighting scheme design and/or lux calculations or undertake baseline light surveys as necessary. Post-completion bat and lighting monitoring may be required.

skills/experience. The early involvement of a professional ecologist can minimise the likelihood of delays at the planning stage (if applicable) and ensure your project is compliant with conservation and planning legislation and policy.

It should be noted that the measures discussed in this document relate only to the specific impacts of lighting upon bat habitat features on or adjacent to the site. If loss or damage to roosting, foraging or commuting habitat is likely to be caused by other aspects of the development, separate ecological advice will be necessary in order to avoid, mitigate or compensate for this legally and according to the ecologist's evaluation.

Step 2: Determine the presence of – or potential for – roosts, commuting habitat and foraging habitat and evaluate their importance

Your ecologist will visit the site in order to record the habitats and features present and evaluate their potential importance to bats, and the likelihood that bats could be affected by lighting both on and immediately off site. This may also include daytime building and tree inspections. On the basis of these inspections further evening surveys may be recommended, either to determine the presence of roosts within buildings and/or trees or to assess the use of the habitats by bats by means of a walked survey. Such surveys may be undertaken at different times during the active season (ideally May to September) and should also involve the use of automated bat detectors left on site for a period of several days. The surveys should be carried out observing the recommendations within the Bat Conservation Trust's Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists: Good Practice Guidelines (Collins, 2016).

The resulting report will detail the relative conservation importance of each habitat feature to bats (including built structures, if suitable). The ecologist's evaluation of the individual features will depend on the

specific combination of contributing factors about the site, including:

- The conservation status of species recorded or likely to be present
- Geographic location
- Type of bat activity likely (breeding, hibernating, night roosting, foraging etc)
- Habitat quality
- Habitat connectivity off-site
- The presence of nearby bat populations or protected sites for bats (usually identified in a desk study)

The evaluation of ecological importance for each feature is most commonly expressed on a geographic scale from Site level to International level, or alternatively in terms of that feature's role in maintaining the 'favourable conservation status' of the population of bats using it.

The ecologist should set out where any key bat roost features and/or habitat areas (ie flightpath habitat and broader areas of foraging habitat) lie on a plan of the site or as an ecological constraints and opportunities plan (ECOP) together with their relative importance. The ECOP and report can then be used to help guide the design of the lighting strategy as well as the wider project.

Step 3: Avoid lighting on key habitats and features altogether

As has been described in 'Artificial lighting', above, there is no legal duty requiring any place to be lit. British Standards and other policy documents allow for deviation from their own guidance where there are significant ecological/environmental reasons for doing so. It is acknowledged that in certain situations lighting is critical in maintaining safety, such as some industrial sites with 24-hour operation. However in the public realm, while lighting can increase the perception of safety and security, measureable benefits can be subjective. Consequently, lighting design should be flexible and be able to fully take into account the presence of protected species

and the obligation to avoid impacts on them.

Sources of lighting which can disturb bats are not limited to roadside or external security lighting, but can also include light spill via windows, permanent but sporadically operated lighting such as sports floodlighting, and in some cases car headlights. Additionally, glare (extremely high contrast between a source of light and the surrounding darkness – linked to the intensity of a luminaire) may affect bats over a greater distance than the target area directly illuminated by a luminaire and must also be considered on your site.

It is important that a competent lighting professional is involved in the design of proposals as soon as potential impacts (including from glare) are identified by the ecologist in order to avoid planning difficulties or late-stage design revision. Your lighting professional will be able to make recommendations about placement of luminaires tailored to your specific project.

Where highways lighting schemes are to be designed by the local planning authority (LPA) post-planning, an ecology officer should be consulted on the presence of important bat constraints which may impact the design and illuminance in order for the scheme to remain legally compliant with wildlife legislation.

Where adverse impacts upon the 'favourable conservation status' of the bat population using the feature or habitat would be significant, an absence of artificial illumination and glare, acting upon both the feature and an appropriately-sized buffer zone is likely to be the only acceptable solution. Your ecologist will be best placed to set the size of such a buffer zone but it should be sufficient to ensure that illumination and glare is avoided and so the input of a lighting professional may be required. Further information on demonstrating an absence of illumination via lux/illuminance contour plans is provided in Step 5.

Because different species vary in their response to light disturbance (as discussed in section 1 'Bats'), your ecologist will be able to provide advice tailored to the specific conditions on your project, however examples of where the no-lighting approach should be taken in particular include:

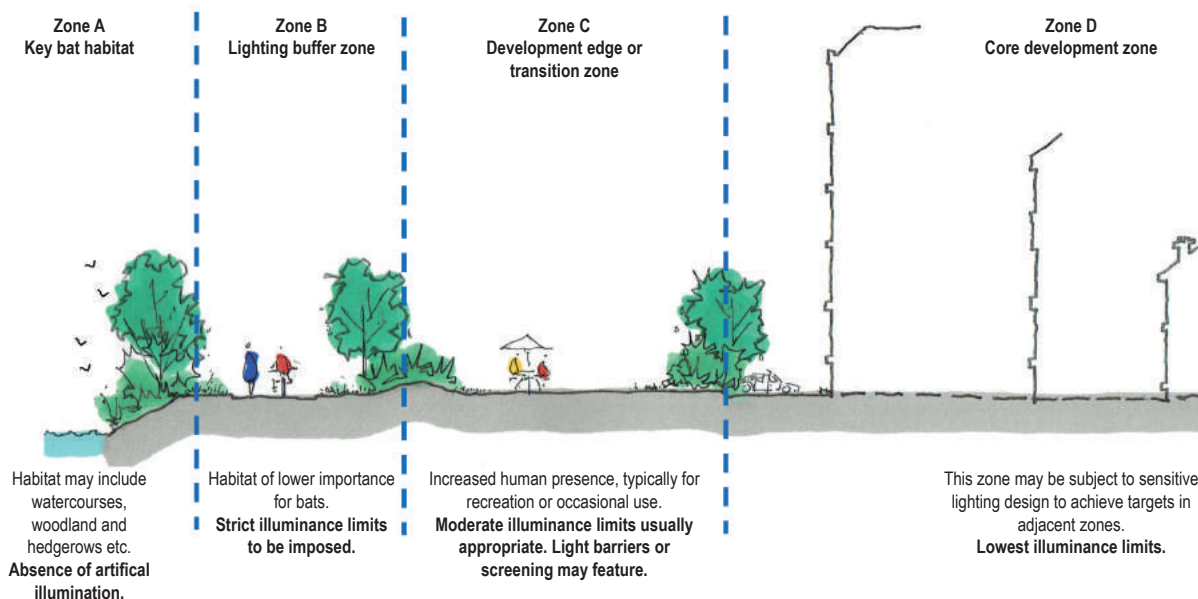
- Roosting and swarming sites for all species and their associated flightpath/commuting habitat.
- Foraging or commuting habitat for highly light-averse species (greater and lesser horseshoe bats, some *Myotis* bats, barbastelle bats and all long-eared bats).
- Foraging or commuting habitat used by large numbers of bats as assessed through survey.
- Foraging or commuting habitat for particularly rare species (grey long-eared bat, barbastelle, small *Myotis*, Bechstein's bat and horseshoe bats).
- Any habitat otherwise assessed by your ecologist as being of importance to maintaining the 'favourable conservation status' of the bat population using it.

Completely avoiding any lighting conflicts in the first place is advantageous because not only would proposals be automatically compliant with the relevant wildlife legislation and planning policy, but they could avoid costly and time-consuming additional surveys, mitigation and post-development monitoring. Furthermore, local planning authorities are likely to favour applications where steps have been taken to avoid such conflicts.

Step 4: Apply mitigation methods to reduce lighting to agreed limits in other sensitive locations – lighting design considerations

Where bat habitats and features are considered to be of lower importance or sensitivity to illumination, the need to provide lighting may outweigh the needs of bats. Consequently, a balance between a reduced lighting level appropriate to the

Example of illuminance limit zonation



ecological importance of each feature and species, and the lighting objectives for that area will need to be achieved.

It is important to reiterate the legal protection from disturbance that bats receive under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended. Where the risk of offences originating from lighting is sufficiently high, it may be best to apply the avoidance approach in Step 3.

Advice from an ecologist and lighting professional will be essential in finding the right approach for your site according to their evaluation. The following are techniques which have been successfully used on projects and are often used in combination for best results.

Dark buffers, illuminance limits and zonation

Dark buffer zones can be used as a good way to separate habitats or features from lighting by forming a dark perimeter around them. Buffer zones rely on ensuring light levels (levels of illuminance measured in lux) within a certain distance of a feature do not exceed certain defined limits. The buffer zone can be further subdivided into zones of increasing illuminance limit radiating away from the feature. Examples of this application are given in the figure above.

Your ecologist (in collaboration with a lighting professional) can help determine the most appropriate buffer widths and illuminance limits according to the value of that habitat to bats (as informed by species and numbers of bats, as well as the type of use).

Appropriate luminaire specifications

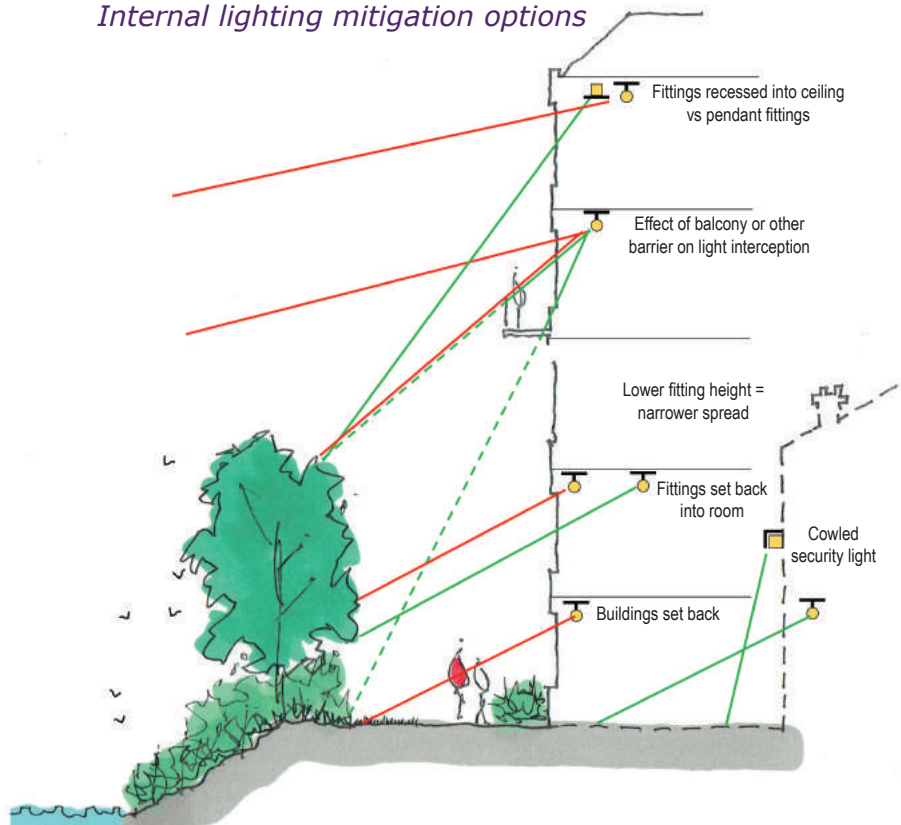
Luminaires come in a myriad of different styles, applications and specifications which a lighting professional can help to select. The following should be considered when choosing luminaires.

- All luminaires should lack UV elements when manufactured. Metal halide, fluorescent sources should not be used.
- LED luminaires should be used where possible due to their sharp cut-off, lower intensity, good colour rendition and dimming capability.
- A warm white spectrum (ideally <2700Kelvin) should be adopted to reduce blue light component.
- Luminaires should feature peak wavelengths higher than 550nm to avoid the component of light most disturbing to bats (Stone, 2012).
- Internal luminaires can be recessed where installed in proximity to windows to reduce glare and light spill. (See figure overleaf.)
- The use of specialist bollard or low-level downward directional luminaires to

retain darkness above can be considered. However, this often comes at a cost of unacceptable glare, poor illumination efficiency, a high upward light component and poor facial recognition, and their use should only be as directed by the lighting professional.

- Column heights should be carefully considered to minimise light spill.
- Only luminaires with an upward light ratio of 0% and with good optical control should be used – See ILP Guidance for the Reduction of Obtrusive Light.
- Luminaires should always be mounted on the horizontal, ie no upward tilt.
- Any external security lighting should be set on motion-sensors and short (1min) timers.
- As a last resort, accessories such as baffles, hoods or louvres can be used to reduce light spill and direct it only to where it is needed.

Internal lighting mitigation options



- Taller buildings may be best located toward the centre of the site or sufficiently set back from key habitats to minimise light spill.
- Street lights can be located so that the rear shields are adjacent to habitats or optics selected that stop back light thereby directing light into the task area where needed.

Sensitive site configuration

The location, orientation and height of newly built structures and hard standing can have a considerable impact on light spill (see figure above for examples of good internal lighting design). Small changes in terms of the placement of footpaths, open space and the number and size of windows can all achieve a good outcome in terms of minimising light spill on to key habitats and features.

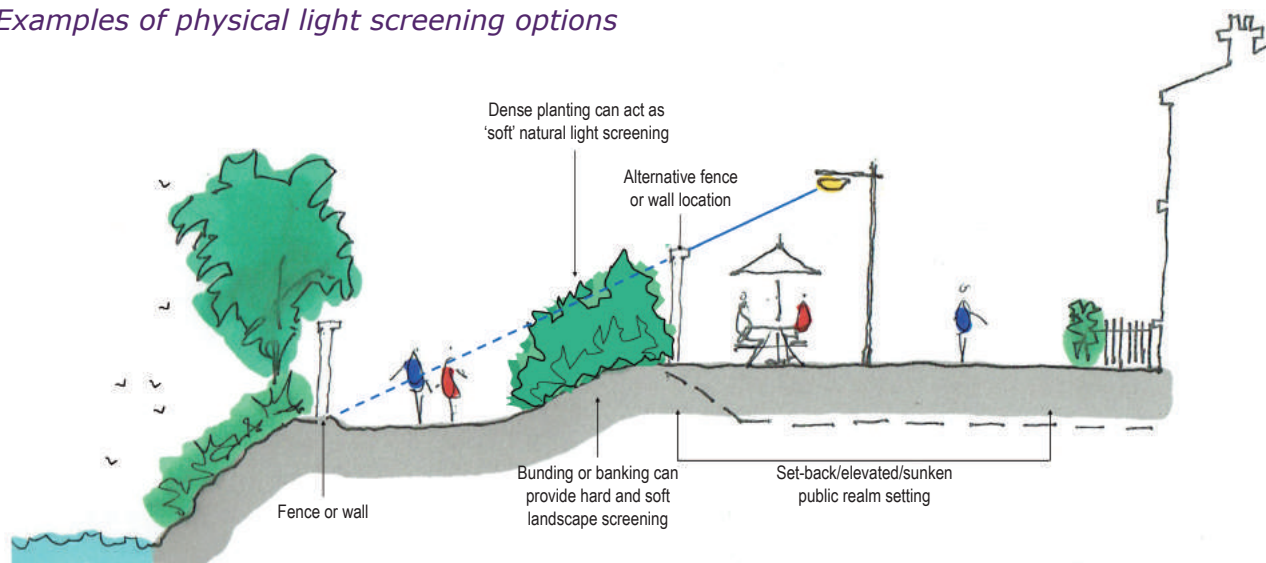
- It may be possible to include key habitats and features into unlit public open space such as parks and gardens.
- Buildings, walls and hard landscaping may be sited and designed so as to block light spill from reaching habitats and features.

Screening

Light spill can be successfully screened through soft landscaping and the installation of walls, fences and bunding (see figure overleaf for example of physical light-screening options). In order to ensure that fencing makes a long-term contribution, it is recommended that it is supported on concrete or metal posts. Fencing can also be over planted with hedgerow species or climbing plants to soften its appearance and provide a vegetated feature which bats can use for navigation or foraging.

The planting of substantial landscape features integrated to the wider network of green corridors such as hedgerows, woodland and scrub is encouraged by

Examples of physical light screening options



planning policy and would make a long-term positive contribution to the overall bat habitat connectivity and light attenuation. A landscape architect can be appointed to collaborate with your ecologist on maximising these natural light screening opportunities.

It should be noted that newly planted vegetation (trees, shrubs and scrub) is unlikely to adequately contribute to light attenuation on key habitats for a number of years until it is well established. Sufficient maintenance to achieve this is also likely to be required. Consequently, this approach is best suited to the planting of 'instant hedgerows' or other similarly dense or mature planting, including translocated vegetation. In some cases, it is appropriate to install temporary fencing or other barrier to provide the desired physical screening effects until the vegetation is determined to be sufficiently established.

Given the fact that planting may be removed, die back, or be inadequately replaced over time it should never be relied on as the sole means of attenuating light spill.

Glazing treatments

Glazing should be restricted or redesigned wherever the ecologist and lighting professional determine there is a likely significant effect upon key bat habitat and features. Where windows and glass

facades etc cannot be avoided, low transmission glazing treatments may be a suitable option in achieving reduced illuminance targets.

Products available include retrofit window films and factory-tinted glazing. 'Smart glass', which can be set to automatically obscure on a timer during the hours of darkness, and automatic blinds can also be used but their longevity depends on regular maintenance and successful routine operation by the occupant, and should not be solely relied upon.

Depending on the height of the building and windows, and therefore predicted light spill, such glazing treatments may not be required on all storeys. This effect can be more accurately determined by a lighting professional.

Creation of alternative valuable bat habitat on site

The provision of new, additional or alternative bat flightpaths, commuting habitat or foraging habitat could result in appropriate compensation for any such habitat being lost to the development. Your ecologist will be able to suggest and design such alternative habitats although particular consideration as to its connectivity to other features, the species to be used, the lag time required for a habitat to sufficiently establish, and the provision for its ongoing protection and maintenance should be given.

Dimming and part-night lighting

Depending on the pattern of bat activity across the key features identified on site by your ecologist, it may be appropriate for an element of on-site lighting to be controlled either diurnally, seasonally or according to human activity. A control management system can be used to dim (typically to 25% or less) or turn off groups of lights when not in use.

It should be noted that these systems depend on regular maintenance and a long-term commitment for them to be successful. Additionally, part-night lighting should be designed with input from an ecologist as they may still produce unacceptably high light levels when active or dimmed. Part-night lighting is not usually appropriate where lights are undimmed during key bat activity times as derived from bat survey data. Research has indicated that impacts upon commuting bats are still prevalent where lighting is dimmed during the middle of the night at a time when illumination for human use is less necessary (Azam et al, 2015). Thus this approach should not always be seen as a solution unless backed up by robust ecological survey and assessment of nightly bat activity.

Step 5: Demonstrate compliance with illuminance limits and buffers

Design and pre-planning phase

It may be necessary to demonstrate that the proposed lighting will comply with any agreed light-limitation or screening measures set as a result of your ecologist's recommendations and evaluation. This is especially likely to be requested if planning permission is required.

A horizontal illuminance contour plan can be prepared by a suitably experienced and competent lighting professional (member of the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE), Society of Light and Lighting (SLL), Institution of

Lighting Professionals (ILP) or similar to ensure competency) using an appropriate software package to model the extent of light spill from the proposed and, possibly, existing luminaires. The various buffer zone widths and illuminance limits which may have been agreed can then be overlaid to determine if any further mitigation is necessary. In some circumstances, a vertical illuminance contour plot may be necessary to demonstrate the light in sensitive areas such as entrances to roosts.

Such calculations and documentation would need to be prepared in advance of submission for planning permission to enable the LPA ecologist to fully assess impacts and compliance.

Because illuminance contour plots and plans may need to be understood and examined by non-lighting professionals such as architects and local planning authority ecologists, the following should be observed when producing or assessing illuminance contour plans to ensure the correct information is displayed.

- A horizontal calculation plane representing ground level should always be used.
- Vertical calculation planes should be used wherever appropriate, for example along the site-facing aspects of a hedgerow or façade of buildings containing roosts to show the illumination directly upon the vertical faces of the feature. Vertical planes can also show a cross-sectional view within open space. Vertical planes will enable a visualisation of the effects of illumination at the various heights at which different bat species fly.
- Models should include light from all luminaires and each should be set to the maximum output anticipated to be used in normal operation on site (ie no dimming where dimming is not anticipated during normal operation).
- A calculation showing output of luminaires to be expected at 'day 1' of operation should be included, where the luminaire and/or scheme Maintenance Factor is set to zero.

- Where dimming, PIR or variable illuminance states are to be used, an individual set of calculation results should accompany each of these states.
- The contours (and/or coloured numbers) for 0.2, 0.5, 1, 5, and 10 lux must be clearly shown as well as appropriate contours for values above these.
- Each contour plan should be accompanied by a table showing their minimum and maximum lux values.
- Where buildings are proposed in proximity to key features or habitats, plots should also model the contribution of light spill through nearby windows, making assumptions as to internal luminaire specification and transmissivity of windows. It should be assumed that blinds or curtains are absent or fully open although low-transmittance glazing treatments may be appropriate. Assumptions will need to be made as to the internal luminaire specification and levels of illuminance likely to occur on 'day 1' of operation. These assumptions should be clearly stated and guided by the building/room type and discussions between architect, client and lighting professional. It is acknowledged that in many circumstances, only a 'best effort' can be made in terms of accuracy of these calculations.
- Modelled plots should not include any light attenuation factor from new or existing planting due to the lag time between planting and establishment and the risk of damage, removal or failure of vegetation. This may result in difficulties in the long term achievement of the screening effect and hamper any post-construction compliance surveys.
- The illuminance contour plots should be accompanied by an explanatory note from the lighting professional to list where, in their opinion, sources of glare acting upon the key habitats and features may occur and what has been done/can be done to reduce their impacts.

N.B. It is acknowledged that, especially for vertical calculation planes, very low

levels of light (<0.5 lux) may occur even at considerable distances from the source if there is little intervening attenuation. It is therefore very difficult to demonstrate 'complete darkness' or a 'complete absence of illumination' on vertical planes where some form of lighting is proposed on site despite efforts to reduce them as far as possible and where horizontal plane illuminance levels are zero. Consequently, where 'complete darkness' on a feature or buffer is required, it may be appropriate to consider this to be where illuminance is below 0.2 lux on the horizontal plane and below 0.4 lux on the vertical plane. These figures are still lower than what may be expected on a moonlit night and are in line with research findings for the illuminance found at hedgerows used by lesser horseshoe bats, a species well known for its light averse behaviour (Stone, 2012).

Baseline and post-completion light monitoring surveys

Baseline, pre-development lighting surveys may be useful where existing on- or off-site lighting is suspected to be acting on key habitats and features and so may prevent the agreed or modelled illuminance limits being achieved. This data can then be used to help isolate which luminaires might need to be removed, where screening should be implemented or establish a new illuminance limit reduced below existing levels. For example, where baseline surveys establish that on- and off-site lighting illuminates potential key habitat, improvements could be made by installing a tall perimeter fence adjacent to the habitat and alterations to the siting and specification of new lighting to avoid further illumination. Further information and techniques to deal with modeling pre-development lighting can be found in ILP publication PLG04 *Lighting Impact Assessments* due to be published late 2018.

Baseline lighting surveys must be carried out by a suitably qualified competent person. As a minimum, readings should be

taken at ground level on the horizontal plane (to give illuminance hitting the ground), and in at least one direction on the vertical plane at, for example, 1.5m or 2m above ground (to replicate the likely location of bats using the feature or site). The orientation should be perpendicular to the dominant light sources or perpendicular to the surface/edge of the feature in question (such as a wall or hedgerow) in order to produce a 'worst case' reading. Further measurements at other orientations may prove beneficial in capturing influence of all luminaires in proximity to the feature or principal directions of flight used by bats. This should be discussed with the ecologist.

Baseline measurements should be taken systematically across the site or features in question. That is, they will need to be repeated at intervals to sample across the site or feature, either in a grid or linear transect as appropriate. The lighting professional will be able to recommend the most appropriate grid spacing.

Measurements should always be taken in the absence of moonlight, either on nights of a new moon or heavy cloud to avoid artificially raising the baseline. As an alternative, moonlight can be measured at a place where no artificial light is likely to affect the reading.

As all proposed illuminance level contours will be produced from modelled luminaires at 100% output, baseline measurements need to be taken with all lights on and undimmed, with blinds or screens over windows removed. Cowls and other fittings on luminaires can remain in place.

Where possible, measurements should be taken during the spring and summer when vegetation is mostly in leaf, in order to accurately represent the baseline during

the principal active season for bats and to avoid artificially raising the baseline.

The topography of the immediate surrounding landscape should be considered in order to determine the potential for increased or decreased light spill beyond the site.

Post-construction/operational phase compliance-checking

Post-completion lighting surveys are often required where planning permission has been obtained on the condition that the proposed lighting levels are checked to confirm they are in fact achieved on site and that the lighting specification (including luminaire heights, design and presence of shielding etc) is as proposed.

All lighting surveys should be conducted by a suitably qualified competent person and should be conducted using the same measurement criteria and lighting states used in the preparation of the illuminance contour plots and/or baseline surveys as discussed above. It may be necessary to conduct multiple repeats over different illumination states or other conditions specific to the project.

Results should always be reported to the LPA as per any such planning condition. A report should be prepared in order to provide an assessment of compliance by the lighting professional and a discussion of any remedial measures which are likely to be required in order to achieve compliance. Any limitations or notable conditions such as deviation from the desired lighting state or use of blinds/barriers should be clearly reported. Ongoing monitoring schedules can also be set, especially where compliance is contingent on automated lighting and dimming systems or on physical screening solutions.

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