

## Ecology: Wildlife Checklist

**Where you answer YES to any question below, you may have protected animals on site and must consider the following:**

1. Check the website of the organisation referenced in the 'further information' column below, to help you decide whether you need to undertake a survey **before** submitting your application.
2. Clearly state within Section '5. Additional Survey Information Supplied' details of any survey that you have completed before submitting this planning application. All completed survey reports should be submitted along with your applications forms.
3. Where you have answered YES to any question below, but have not undertaken a survey, please state clearly within Section '5 Additional Survey Information Supplied' which professional wildlife organisation you have consulted and why they have advised you that a survey was considered not necessary.

### Wildlife Checklist

1. Development / Building works		Yes	No
<b>Does the proposed development comprise/include any of the following?</b>			
Works to agricultural buildings (farmhouses or barns) in particular traditional timber-framed buildings or other traditional farm buildings		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Works to a the structure of a roof (such as conversions or re roofing)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Works to a building with the following design;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- timber weather boarding</li> <li>- over-hanging eaves</li> <li>- hanging tiles</li> <li>- dense climbing plants</li> <li>- slate roof</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Works to underground structures (such as cellars or tunnels)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Works to bridge structures, aqueducts or viaducts		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Works to derelict or decayed buildings in a rural location		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Works to a pre-1960s building that is located in or within 200m of woodland		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Works to a pre-1914 building that is located in or within 400m of woodland		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Works which may affect trees, especially trees which are large, old, hollow, have holes or peeling bark		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Further information</b>			
You may have bats on site – check NE's standing advice for "Protected Species in the Planning Application process" <a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/regions/south_east/ourwork/standingadvice/protectedspecies/default.aspx">http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/regions/south_east/ourwork/standingadvice/protectedspecies/default.aspx</a>			

2. Habitats / Natural Features on site		Yes	No
<b>Does the proposal involve the following types of habitat or natural features?</b>			
• unmanaged, dense ground vegetation such as overgrown shrubs, small trees or similar (as it is often found on derelict land)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• orchards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• meadows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• mature hedgerows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• large or ancient trees or woodland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

3. Observations / wildlife seen		Yes	No
<b>Does the proposal involve the following types of habitat or natural features?</b>			
Are there birds nesting on site, which might be affected by the development?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Have you seen any protected species on site, such as bats, badgers or reptiles?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, which ones			
<b>Further information</b>			
For nesting birds – The British Trust for Ornithology at: <a href="http://www.bto.org">http://www.bto.org</a> . For bats – The Bat Conservation Trust at: <a href="http://www.bats.org.uk">http://www.bats.org.uk</a> For reptiles – Amphibian and Reptile Conservation at: <a href="http://www.arc-trust.org">http://www.arc-trust.org</a> For badgers – The Badger Trust at: <a href="http://www.badger.org.uk">http://www.badger.org.uk</a> For local wildlife records – contact BMERC at: <a href="http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk/partnership/BucksMKERC/bmerc.page">http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk/partnership/BucksMKERC/bmerc.page</a>			

4. Location		Yes	No	Don't know
Are there ponds on or within 100m of the development site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is the proposed development within 100m of a river, stream or water filled ditch?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Further information</b>				
You may have Great Crested Newts on site – contact: Amphibian and Reptile Conservation at: <a href="http://www.arc-trust.org">http://www.arc-trust.org</a>				
<b>Does the proposal involve areas of land which have the following designations for wildlife conservation?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	
Is the proposal within 2km of a Special Protection Area (SPA), or Special Area of Conservation (SAC)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the proposal located in or within 500m of a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the proposal located within or adjacent to a Local Wildlife Site (LWS) or a Biological Notification Site (BNS)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Further information</b>
You can locate your site on maps and view any local sites designated for wildlife conservation on-line at: <a href="http://www.natureonthemap.org.uk">http://www.natureonthemap.org.uk</a> or <a href="http://www.magic.gov.uk">http://www.magic.gov.uk</a>

<b>5. Additional survey information supplied</b>	
	NONE

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>		
<b>GIS data confirmation</b>	<b>Applicant supplied information correct (tick when appropriate)</b>	<b>Applicant supplied information incorrect / specify error and correct data</b>
Protected species on / adjacent to development site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pond/s within 100m of development site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
River within 100m of development site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposal within 2km of SAC / SPA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposal within 500m of SSSI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposal within, adjacent to or contains a LWS / BNS?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposal within or contains a Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Habitat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Ecological survey required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ecological survey information supplied?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Wycombe District Council reserves the right to request additional information in some circumstances including where:**

- the Checklist has not been adequately completed;
- an ecological survey is required but has not been supplied;
- the need for an ecological survey is identified during course of the consultation.

## Supporting Information

### Wildlife and Planning – background

Many animals and plants are protected by law because they are rare or endangered. (A summary of relevant wildlife law can be found at: <http://www.incc.gov.uk/page-1376>)

Where a proposed development is likely to affect protected animals or plants, we cannot approve a planning application without supporting ecological assessment report from a suitably qualified person.

If protected animals or plants are present, we must be satisfied that the potential impacts of development are avoided, mitigated or compensated for.

Planning permission may be refused where an applicant provides inadequate information on protected animals or plants because it will not be possible to assess the implications of the proposed development on those protected animals and plants.

Key animals that are protected by law in Wycombe district include:

- Badgers
- Bats
- Nesting birds
- Dormice
- Great Crested Newts
- Otters
- Reptiles
- Water Voles

You can find out if protected animals or plants have been previously found on or near your proposed development site by contacting the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Environment Records Centre (BMERC).

BMERC collects information and recorded sightings of protected animals and plants within Buckinghamshire. You can ask for a data search by completing and sending an Information Request Form available at:

<http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk/partnership/BucksMKERC/bmerc.page>.

General information on biodiversity in Buckinghamshire can be found in the 'Biodiversity in Planning in Buckinghamshire' publication, which is available on the Bucks Milton Keynes Biodiversity Partnership website:

[http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.co.uk/sites/partnership/bmkbpbiodiversity\\_and\\_planning.page](http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.co.uk/sites/partnership/bmkbpbiodiversity_and_planning.page)

For further detailed information on protected animals or plants, please see Natural England's detailed advice:

[http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/regions/south\\_east/ourwork/standingadvice/protectedspecies/species.aspx](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/regions/south_east/ourwork/standingadvice/protectedspecies/species.aspx).

Information provided includes the legal protection and habitat requirements of individual protected animals, as well as information to help you identify whether you may have these animals on your site and if you may need to survey for them.

### What you need to do now

It is important that you find out whether a protected animal or plant survey is required as part of your planning application. By completing the following 'Wildlife Checklist' you will be able to identify if your proposed development may impact on protected animals, plants or their habitats.