

CONCLUSION

Is a Biodiversity Survey and Assessment required?

Y/N NO

Site Address

Details of person responsible for completing the checklist:

Name

Relationship to proposal
e.g. applicant, agent, ecological consultant

Declaration:

Being familiar with the proposed development and the site in question, the information supplied is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

Date

Please submit these completed biodiversity checklists with conclusion to the Local Planning Authority with your planning application.

TABLE 3
Local Requirement for Geodiversity Sites and Features: Criteria and Indicative Thresholds (Trigger List) for when a Survey and Assessment is Required

| Proposals for development that may trigger a Geodiversity Survey and Assessment | Key habitat types likely to be affected for which a survey may be required | | | | | | SURVEY AND ASSESSMENT REQUIRED? Y/N |
|---|--|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--|
| | Quarries and pits | Inland outcrops | Road / rail / canal cuttings | Underground mines | Fossil sites | Geo-morphological features | |
| Loss of or impact on internationally designated site | * | * | * | * | * | * | <input type="text" value="NO"/> |
| Loss of or impact on nationally designated site | * | * | * | * | * | * | <input type="text" value="NO"/> |
| Loss of or impact on Regionally and locally designated sites | * | * | * | * | * | * | <input type="text" value="NO"/> |
| Major developments affecting sites of over 5 ha | * | * | * | * | * | * | <input type="text" value="NO"/> |

Exceptions for when Full Species, Habitat or Geodiversity Surveys and Assessments may not be required:

Following consultation by the applicant at the pre-application stage, when the Local Planning Authority (LPA) has stated in writing that no protected species surveys or assessments are required.

If it is clear that **no protected species / or important habitats** are likely to be present or affected by the development, despite the guidance in the above tables. The applicant may need to provide evidence with the planning application to demonstrate that either:

1. such species are absent (e.g. this might be in the form of a letter or brief report from a suitably qualified and experienced person, or a relevant local nature conservation organisation); or
2. that the development proposal will not affect any protected species present.

This information should include a statement acknowledging that the applicant is aware that it is a criminal offence to disturb or harm protected species should they subsequently be found or disturbed.

It is only appropriate for surveys to be undertaken of those species which are likely to be present and affected by a proposal. However opportunities for encouraging some other species may be provided within the report.

Biodiversity information and advice can be obtained from:

Hertfordshire Biological Records Centre
Environment, County Hall, Hertford, Herts
SG13 8DN
01992 555220
<http://enquire.hertscc.gov.uk/hbrc/default.html>

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust
Grebe House, St Michael's Street, St Albans,
Herts AL3 4SN
01727 858901
<http://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/>