

## Do you need to submit a Wildlife, Geology or Invasive Species Report with your planning application?

**Please remember that anyone causing a wildlife offence (e.g. destruction of a bat roost) can be prosecuted, irrespective of the planning process. Remember to schedule works to ensure no disturbance to protected species, including nesting birds.**

Please fill in Parts Ai and ii, B and C of the table below. The completed table must be included with your application.

**Part A.** If there is a tick in the 'yes' column you must include a **Wildlife Report** with your application. The report may vary from a short written statement (if there is no significant impact) to a comprehensive report with surveys.

**Part B.** If there is a tick in the 'yes' column you must include a **Geology Report** with your application.

**Part C.** If there is a tick in the 'yes' column an **Invasive Species Control Plan** is required.

**All reports must be produced by a consultant with suitable qualifications and experience.** For further information on the reports, including a list of consultants and a generic Wildlife Report brief (which may help when employing a consultant), go to [www.devon.gov.uk/wildlife](http://www.devon.gov.uk/wildlife)

### Wildlife and Geology Trigger Table

PART A - TRIGGERS FOR A WILDLIFE REPORT	Yes (Wildlife Report required)	No
1a. The application site (red line) is greater than 0.1 hectares*	x	
1b. The proposal:		
i. Involves demolition of a building	x	
ii. Involves works to a roof, roof space, weather boarding or hanging tiles e.g. loft conversion, roof raising, extensions. –		x
iii. Involves works to a quarry or built structures such as bridges, viaducts, aqueducts, tunnels, mines, kilns, ice houses, military fortifications, air raid shelters, cellars and similar underground ducts and structures.		x
iv. Involves the development of wind turbine(s), including domestic turbines.		x
v. Will illuminate / cause light spill onto a building, mature tree (see ix), woodland, field hedge, pasture, watercourse, water body, tree line or a known bat roost.		x
vi. Impacts on a watercourse, intertidal area or standing open water (e.g. ponds, reedbeds) <u>excluding ornamental garden fish ponds.</u>		x
vii. Removes, or moves, part / all of a hedge or line of trees ( <u>excluding non native or urban hedges unless &gt; 10m being removed</u> ).		x
viii. Is within, or may impact on (including impacts on hydrology), a woodland or a substantial area of scrub connected to a woodland or hedge.		x

ix. Involves surgery to or felling of a mature tree with obvious holes, cracks or cavities, dense ivy, deadwood, bird / bat box (i.e features which may be a bat roost).		X
x. Involves removal of tussocky (rough) grassland, wet grassland, flower rich grassland or heathland (heather/gorse present).		X
xi. <b>** Householders do not need to answer this question.</b> May impact directly or indirectly (via a watercourse or air pollution pathway) on a designated wildlife site (Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Area, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, County Wildlife Site, Local Nature Reserve, Special Verge).		X
xii. Involves lighting or removal of a tree line, woodland, hedges or pasture within a Greater Horseshoe Bat consultation zone ( <i>please ask the LPA during pre-ap discussions</i> ).		X
<b>PART B – TRIGGER FOR A GEOLOGICAL REPORT</b>	<b>Yes (Geology Report required)</b>	<b>No</b>
** Application impacts on a geological Site of Special Scientific Interest or County Geological Site (RIGS)		X
<b>PART C – INVASIVE SPECIES</b> Site supports an invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed. <i>For a list of Schedule 9 non native invasive species see <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/9">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/9</a> or <a href="http://www.nonnativespecies.org/index.cfm?sectionid=23">http://www.nonnativespecies.org/index.cfm?sectionid=23</a> For more information on Japanese Knotweed see <a href="http://www.devon.gov.uk/japanese_knotweed.htm">www.devon.gov.uk/japanese_knotweed.htm</a>.</i>	<b>Yes (Invasive Species Control Plan required)</b>	<b>No</b>
		X

\* - If you have ticked 'no' to all 1b questions a Wildlife Report will not be required if the LPA confirms in writing that it is reasonably certain that there will be no impact on protected or priority habitats and species.

\*\* - to find out if your site is in, or near, a designated site look on <http://gis.devon.gov.uk/basedata/viewer.asp?DCCService=greeninfra>, or ask the LPA or Devon Biodiversity Records Centre [www.dbr.org.uk](http://www.dbr.org.uk) (there will be a small charge). For County Geological Sites (RIGS) see also [www.devonrigs.org.uk/07DevonSites.html](http://www.devonrigs.org.uk/07DevonSites.html)

#### IMPORTANT.....

- If detailed protected species surveys are required these **MUST** be included with your planning application. The application cannot be validated without them. They cannot be conditioned.
- Some surveys can only be undertaken at certain times of year. It is essential that these are timetabled into your project plan in order to avoid wasting time and money. A survey calendar can be found at [http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/WhentosurveyFINAL\\_tcm6-21620.pdf](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/WhentosurveyFINAL_tcm6-21620.pdf)
- All details of avoidance, mitigation, compensation and enhancement actions **MUST** also be included with your application. It is very likely that any planning permission will be conditional on these being implemented.

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