



Householder and Listed Building Consent Biodiversity Validation Checklist Uttlesford District Council

This checklist is one of three prepared by Place Services. Please ensure that you are using the one that is most appropriate to the size and scale of your development. This checklist should only be used for householder and listed building consent applications.

- For **major developments** (developments that contain more than nine houses and/or are greater than one hectare, as defined by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) you must use Essex County Council's [Essex Biodiversity Validation Checklist](#).
- For **minor developments** (applications that do not fit into the major developments category and are not individual householders) please use the [Minor Development Biodiversity Validation Checklist](#).

The purpose of this checklist is to help to determine whether your application has potential to impact upon protected and Priority species. Protected and Priority species are a material consideration in the planning process, and if there is a reasonable likelihood that your development will impact them, further information must be submitted in support of your planning application. If the information received is not adequate, the application may be refused.

The questions enclosed will help you to determine whether or not further information is needed and will help advise you on the type of information required. Any further ecological information will need to be provided by a professional and suitably qualified ecologist.

All applications are required to provide measurable net gains for biodiversity, as outlined under Paragraph 170d of the National Planning Policy Framework 2019. [Reasonable biodiversity enhancement measures](#) will need to be provided in order to do this and can include but are not limited to bird boxes, bat boxes, invertebrate boxes, green roofs, native-species planting, wildlife pond creation, habitat improvements, permeable boundaries for hedgehogs and hedgehog nest boxes. Submission of details of enhancement features, their proposed location and their maintenance will avoid the need for a separate condition of any planning consent.

This checklist can be completed by the applicant or their agent and must be submitted with a planning application. Viewing and completing electronically is recommended. Please answer all questions fully and ensure the declaration is also completed.

Question 1: Do proposals involve the demolition or removal of a building and/or impacts to a roof of a building?

~~YES~~ / NO