

Do you need to submit an Ecology, Geology or Invasive Species Report with your planning application?

Anyone causing a wildlife crime (e.g. destruction/loss of a bat roost) can be prosecuted, irrespective of the planning process. Schedule works to ensure no disturbance to protected species, including nesting birds and hibernating reptiles and dormice.

Please fill in Parts A1a and 1b, 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 an Ecology report with your application. The report may vary from a short written statement produced by a suitably qualified consultant to an Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) containing species surveys and mitigation proposals.

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 you must include an Invasive Species Control Plan Report.

All reports must be produced by a consultant with suitable qualifications and experience.

Ecology report Trigger Table

PART A - TRIGGERS FOR AN ECOLOGY REPORT	Yes (Ecology Report required)	No
1a). The application site (red line) is greater than 0.1 hectares*		✓
1b). The proposal:		
i. Involves demolition of a building.		✓
ii. Conversion and extension of rural and agricultural buildings or involves works to a roof, roof space, weather boarding or hanging tiles e.g. loft conversion and roof raising		✓
iii. Involves works to a quarry or built structures such as bridges, viaducts, aqueducts, tunnels, mines, engine houses kilns, ice houses, military fortifications, air raid shelters, cellars and similar underground ducts and structures.		✓
iv. Applications for wind turbine(s), including domestic turbines.		✓
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.		✓

vi. Floodlighting green space, lighting churches, listed building within or adjacent to designated sites		✓
vi. Impacts on a watercourse, intertidal area or standing open water (e.g. ponds, reedbeds) <u>excluding ornamental garden fish ponds.</u>		✓
vii. Removes, or moves, part / all of a hedge, Cornish Hedge or line of trees (<u>excluding non native or urban hedges unless > 10m being removed</u>).		✓
viii. Is within, or may impact on (including impacts on hydrology), a woodland, ancient woodland, veteran tree, or a substantial area of scrub connected to a woodland or hedge.		✓
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. Involves removal of tussocky (rough) grassland, wet grassland, flower rich grassland or heathland (heather/gorse present).		✓
1c) ** <u>Householders do not need to answer this question</u> May impact directly (within or adjacent to) or indirectly (via a watercourse or air pollution pathway) on a designated wildlife site (Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Area, Ramsar Site, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Marine Protected Area, Marine Conservation Zone, County Wildlife Site, Local Nature Reserve, Special Verge).		✓
PART B – TRIGGER FOR A GEOLOGICAL REPORT	Yes (Geology Report required)	No
** Application impacts or is adjacent to a geological Site of Special Scientific Interest or County Geology Site		✓
PART C – INVASIVE SPECIES Are any Schedule 9 species invasive non-native species as listed under Wildlife and Countryside Act present on or within the application site (Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Three Cornered Leek, Curly waterweed). <i>For a list of Schedule 9 non native invasive species see http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/9</i>	Yes (Invasive Species Control Plan required)	No
		✓

* - If you have ticked 'no' to all 1a b and c questions an Ecology Report will not be required if the LPA is satisfied, 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

<https://map.cornwall.gov.uk/website/ccmap/?zoomlevel=1&xcoord=162690&ycoord=64380&wsName=ccmap&layerName=Biological%20roadside%20verge%20inventory:Geological%20roadside%20verge%20inventory:Special%20protection%20areas:Ancient%20woodlands:Special%20Areas%20for%20Conservation:Local%20Nature%20Reserves:County%20Wildlife%20Sites%20-%20no%20implied%20public%20access:County%20Geology%20Sites%20-%20no%20implied%20public%20access:Sites%20of%20Special%20Scientific%20Interest>

Or request a paid data search from ERCISS who are accredited by the Association of Local Environmental Records Centres <https://ercis.org.uk/requesting-data>

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 ecological surveys can only be undertaken at certain times of year. It is essential that these are timetabled into your project plan. A survey calendar can be found at <https://cecenvironment.co.uk/ecology/ecological-survey-calendar/>
- 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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