

Do you need to submit a Wildlife or Geology 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.

If you are a householder please fill in Part A only below. All other applicants should fill in Parts A and B. The completed table must be included with your application.

If there is a tick in the 'yes' column for Part A you must include a **Wildlife Report** with your application. If there is a tick in the 'yes' column for Part B you must include a **Geology Report** with your application. Both reports must be produced by someone with suitable qualifications and experience.

For further information on the Reports, including a list of consultants, go to www.devon.gov.uk/wildlife

Wildlife and Geology Trigger Table

PART A - TRIGGERS FOR A WILDLIFE REPORT (if the answer to 1a is 'yes' then you do not need to fill in 1b)	Yes	No	Office use
1a. Application site (within the red line) is 0.1 hectares or greater (= 10 x 100m) <i>Note that where there is no existing wildlife habitat the Report should set out how wildlife habitat will be enhanced through the development.</i>		x	
1b. Application site is less than 0.1 hectares but 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 (a) wind turbine(s), including domestic turbines.		x	
v. Will illuminate / cause light spill onto, a church, listed building, 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 ponds</u> .		x	
vii. Removes, or moves, part / all of a native Devon hedge or line of trees (<u>excluding domestic hedges unless > 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		x	
xi. * <u>Householders do not need to answer this question.</u> Is within or immediately adjacent to a designated wildlife site (Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Area, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, County Wildlife Site, Local Nature Reserve, Special Verge).			
xii. * <u>Householders do not need to answer this question.</u> Involves lighting or removal of a tree line, woodland, hedges, pasture within a Greater Horseshoe Bat consultation zone (<i>please ask the LPA during pre-ap discussions</i>).			
xiii. <u>Householders do not need to answer this question.</u> Site is known to support an invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed. <i>For more information see www.devon.gov.uk/japanese_knotweed.htm.</i>			
PART B – TRIGGER FOR A GEOLOGICAL REPORT - non householders only	Yes	No	Office Use
1. * Application impacts on a geological Site of Special Scientific Interest or County Geological Site (RIGS)		x	

* = 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 at a small charge. For County Geological Sites (RIGS) also see www.devonrigs.org.uk/07DevonSites.html