

Background information

The following results will indicate whether your project is likely to require professional ecological advice before making a planning application, based on the information you have provided. It provides a summary of the potential protected and priority wildlife species and statutory designated sites that may need to be considered by a consultant ecologist.

This report can be given to a consultant ecologist for their background information and if they wish they can submit it as part of a planning application, together with any additional ecological information the consultant ecologist produces.

NOTE: It is important for users to note that the Wildlife Assessment Check output is based on the information provided by the user; if this is not accurate (e.g. if the user did not tick that trees were present on site when they actually were) then the output will not be correct. Local Planning Authorities and consultant ecologists should check on the 'habitats' and 'types of work' selected using Section 1 of this output sheet. The Wildlife Assessment Check is for guidance only. It is not designed to replace the judgement of a qualified professional ecologist about the potential wildlife impact of a development project. Applicants should consult a qualified professional ecologist and / or their local authority ecologist where they are present, to ensure that requirements are fulfilled.

Wildlife Assessment Check - Summary Report

Site location:

- Postcode (nearest): BN2 5JR
- Grid reference: TQ332038

Type of development project:

- Development proposals that are not householder building projects and do not require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The Local Environmental Records Centre (LERC) is:
Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre

The Local Planning Authority is:
Brighton and Hove Council

Output from the Wildlife Assessment Check, including whether input from a consultant ecologist is required and the species or species group surveys that may be necessary:

Based on the information provided, this development proposal requires input from a consultant ecologist. The following species or species group surveys may be necessary:

Survey reports should include biodiversity information from your Local Environmental Records Centre (LERC).

Section 1: Protected and Priority Species results

Habitats nearby (options selected):

- None selected

Types of works being proposed (options selected):

- Works to buildings or structures
 - No other options selected
- No other options selected

The applicant is aware of Protected and/or Priority species being present within or adjacent to the development site:

- No

Section 2: Statutory Designated Sites results

International/European sites

- This proposed development project does not lie within any international/European designated sites.
- The proposed development project is within 10km of these Special Areas of Conservation (the proximity to the site(s) is shown in brackets): *Castle Hill (4.1km)*

National sites

- This proposed development project does not lie within any nationally designated sites.
- The proposed development project is within 10km of these National Nature Reserves (the proximity to the site(s) is shown in brackets): *Castle Hill (4.4km)*
- The proposed development project is within 10km of these Site(s) of Special Scientific Interest (the proximity to the site(s) is shown in brackets): *Brighton To Newhaven Cliffs (0.5km); Castle Hill (4.1km); Kingston Escarpment & Iford Hill (6.4km); Clayton To Offham Escarpment (8.1km); Lewes Brooks (8.5km); Beeding Hill To Newtimber Hill (9.6km); Wolstonbury Hill (9.8km)*

Local Nature Reserves

- This proposed development project does not lie within any Local Nature Reserves.
- The proposed development project is within 5km of these Local Nature Reserves (the proximity to the site(s) is shown in brackets): *Whitehawk/Race Hill (0.5km); Bevendean Down (2.1km); Beacon Hill (3km); Wild Park (3.2km); Stanmer Park/Coldean (4.8km); Withdean & Westdene Woods (5km)*

Section 3: Local Wildlife Sites (locally designated sites of importance for biodiversity and nature conservation)

There may be non-statutory Local Wildlife Sites (also known as Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation, County Wildlife Sites etc) that should be considered as part of this proposed development project as they receive protection through the planning system. This tool does not hold information on Local Wildlife Sites so separate advice should be sought.

If your development proposal is within or adjacent to a Local Wildlife Site, the Local Planning Authority may require an ecological assessment to be undertaken by a professional ecologist.

The section below needs to be completed by the local planning authority

1. Has Section 1 of the Wildlife Assessment Check Summary Report indicated input from a consultant ecologist is required for this development project?

Yes
Go to question 2

No
Go to question 5

2. Has an ecological report been submitted with the planning application?
(An ecological report should accompany the planning application if the output from Section 1 of the Wildlife Assessment Check indicates that input from a consultant ecologist is required).

Yes
Go to question 3

No
Request further information from the applicant to clarify why no report has been submitted.

Go to question 5

3. Does the ecological report include the necessary species or species group surveys, as indicated in Section 1 of the Wildlife Assessment Check Summary Report?

Yes
Go to question 5

No
Go to question 4

4. Has justification been provided as to why the species or species group surveys have not been undertaken?

Yes
Go to question 5

No
Request further information from the applicant to clarify why no surveys have been undertaken.

Go to question 5

5. Does the development proposal fall within or close to any statutory designated sites, as indicated in Section 2 of the Wildlife Assessment Check Summary Report?

Yes
Go to question 6

No
Go to question 7

6. Are the statutory designated sites covered within the ecological report?

Yes
Go to question 7

No
Request further information from the applicant and go to question 7

7. The Wildlife Assessment Check does not hold information on Local Wildlife Sites. Have Local Wildlife Sites been covered within the ecological report?

Yes

No
Request further information from the applicant

Not applicable since there are no Local Wildlife Sites nearby