

Protected Species Survey Checklist – October 2009

Oak Cottage/Hicks, December 2023. Completed by Jonathan Bradley of Verdant Ecology.

This checklist is designed to help applicants determine whether their proposal is likely to impact on protected species. If so a species survey and assessment will be need to be carried out and submitted with the planning application.

Read through the development proposal descriptions in the first column and answer 'yes' or 'no' for whether the description applies to your application. The right hand side of the table indicates species likely to be affected by this type of proposal, therefore requiring a survey.

This checklist should be completed and submitted with your planning application and any required survey information.

Proposals for development that will trigger a protected species survey/ priority species survey and assessment	Please tick:		Species likely to be affected and for which a survey will be required													
	Yes	No	Bats	Barn Owls	Breeding Birds	Gt. Crested Newts	Otters	Dormouse	Water Vole	Badger	Reptiles	Amphibians	Plants	Wintering & Migrating Birds	Invertebrates	Other BAP Species
Demolition or conversion of agricultural or derelict buildings in a rural setting		*	●	●	●											
Developments involving field hedgerow or woodland removal		*	●		●			●		●			●		●	
Proposals affecting large old trees		*	●		●											
Works within 50m of a pond	*1					●						●			●	●
Works on or immediately adjacent to watercourses including rivers, ditches and rifes		*	●			●	●		●			●	●			
Proposals affecting mature or overgrown gardens, rough grassland, derelict land, allotments, of an area over 0.25Ha		*			●	●				●	●	●			●	
Proposals affecting flower-rich meadows or parkland		*	●		●	●				●	●		●			
Proposals involving flood lighting within 50m of woodland, water, hedgerows or obvious connecting lines of trees		*	●	●	●											
Proposals affecting or adjacent to heathland		*			●			●			●					
Proposal site within proximity of a known location of a protected species		*	As records indicate – please consult Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre www.sxbrc.org.uk													

*1 = GCN records exist within about 5km (magic.gov.uk). Even if present locally, the proposed works are confined to the existing building and a few square metres of hard-standing. Thus impacts on GCN are highly unlikely. Thus no surveys are recommended. If GCN are found during work, work must stop and advice be sought.

A bat roost potential assessment was conducted because proposals affect a tiled roof. This is reported separately but concluded 'Negligible' suitability/likeness of affecting bats, assuming pollution prevention.

