

PART D

Local Biodiversity Checklists

Revised August 2014. Based on Association of Local Government Ecologists Validation Checklist 2007

Please complete the final column in tables 1- 3 below and the conclusion with declaration and SUBMIT A COPY WITH YOUR APPLICATION. If the application involves a development proposal which is likely to affect any Species, Habitats or Sites listed below, you may need to provide appropriate surveys, assessments and recommendations in support of an application. Exceptions to when a survey and assessment may not be required are also explained below.

TABLE 1

Local requirement for biodiversity: Protected species, habitats and sites where a survey and assessment may be required

Key features affected by development	Species potentially affected										Does the development affect biodiversity?	
	Bats	Barn owls	Breeding birds	Gt. Created Newts	Otters	Hazel Dormice	Water Vole	Badger	Reptiles	Amphibians		Other BAP species
<p>Built environment</p> <p>Proposals for the modification or demolition of buildings and structures (especially roof voids) affecting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all agricultural buildings (e.g. farmhouses and barns) particularly of traditional brick, stone or weatherboard construction and/or with exposed wooden beams greater than 20cm thick; all buildings adjacent to woodland and/or water; buildings with previously unconverted pitched roofs, or with weatherboards, or with hanging tiles listed buildings major underground or fortified structures (e.g. ice houses, tunnels, air raid shelters, pill boxes) all bridge structures, especially over semi-natural habitat 	▪	▪	▪									NO
<p>Proposals involving artificial lighting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Churches Listed Buildings Sports facilities Landscaping schemes 	▪	▪	▪									NO
<p>Habitats</p> <p>Proposals affecting woodland, field hedgerows, trees (especially ancient), parkland or orchards, particularly if connected to woodland or wetland</p>	▪		▪			▪		▪			▪	NO
<p>Proposals affecting gravel pits, quarries or natural cliff outcrops with caves, or crevices, natural or man-made</p>	▪		▪						▪			NO

The above Tables are a guide as to what biodiversity or geodiversity is important and the types of development that may affect it. Surveys and recommendations are only required if biodiversity is likely to be present and affected by proposals.

Surveys and assessments are unlikely to be required by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) where:

1. Following consultation by the applicant at the pre-application stage, the LPA or its advisors are of the opinion that surveys or assessments are not required.
2. It is clear from the nature of the site that locally significant ecological or geological interest is likely to be absent, or that the proposal is unlikely to have a significant impact.

In any event and irrespective of any advice or requirements of the LPA, protected species remain legally protected and if discovered during the course of any works, these must cease and expert guidance sought as to how to proceed.

Opportunities for enhancing biodiversity are to be encouraged in any ecological report irrespective of outcome.

CONCLUSIONS

Biodiversity information and advice can be obtained from:

Hertfordshire Ecology (HE)

Environment, County Hall, Hertford, Herts
SG13 8DN
01992 555220
<http://enquire.hertsc.gov.uk/hbrc/default.html>

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust (HMWT)

Grebe House, St Michael's Street, St Albans,
Herts AL3 4SN
01727 858901
<http://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/>

Has HE or HMWT been contacted for advice on this matter?

N

Is biodiversity / geodiversity interest known to be present and likely to be affected by the proposals?

N

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Relationship to proposal:

e.g. applicant, agent, ecological consultant

Declaration:

Being familiar with the proposed development and the site in question, the information supplied is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:

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Date: 18.01.24