

Do you need to submit a Wildlife, Geology, or Invasive Species 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.

Please fill in Parts A and ii, 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 a Wildlife Report with your application. The report may vary from a short written statement (if there is no significant impact) to a comprehensive report with surveys.

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 an Invasive Species Control Plan is required.

All reports must be produced by a consultant with suitable qualifications and experience, complying with British Standard and Biodiversity Net Gain requirements. For further information on the reports, including a list of consultants and a generic Wildlife Report brief (which may help when employing a consultant), go to <https://www.devon.gov.uk/environment/wildlife/wildlife-and-geology-planning-guidance>

Wildlife and Geology Trigger Table

PART A - TRIGGERS FOR A WILDLIFE REPORT		Yes (Wildlife 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. Involves works to a roof, roof space, weather boarding or hanging tiles e.g. loft conversion, roof raising, extensions.		✓	
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.			✓
iv. Involves the development of 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. Impacts on a watercourse, intertidal area or standing open water (e.g. ponds, reedbeds), excluding ornamental garden fish ponds.			✓
vii. Removes, or moves, part / all of a hedge or line of trees (excluding non-native or urban hedges unless > 10m being removed).			✓
viii. Is within, or may impact on (including impacts on hydrology), a woodland or scrub connected to a woodland or hedge.			✓