

NNDC Protected Species Survey Requirements Checklist

If the application involves any of the development proposals shown in column 1 a protected species survey and assessment should be submitted with the planning application.

COLUMN 1	Species likely to be affected and for which a survey will be required									
	Bats	Barn owl	Breeding birds	Great Crested Newt	Otter	Water vole	Badger	Amphibians	Reptiles	Plants
Proposed development which includes the modification, conversion, demolition or removal of buildings and structures (especially roof voids) involving the following:										
• all agricultural buildings and redundant agricultural buildings;	✓	✓	✓							
• all buildings with weather boarding and/or hanging tiles that are within 200m of woodland and/or water#;	✓									
• pre-1960 detached buildings and structures within 500m of woodland and/or water;	✓									
• pre-1914 buildings with gable ends or slate roofs, regardless of location;	✓									
• all tunnels, mines, kilns, ice-houses, adits, military fortifications, air raid shelters, cellars and similar underground ducts and structures;	✓									
• all bridge structures, aqueducts and viaducts.	✓				✓	✓				
Proposals involving lighting of churches and listed buildings or flood lighting of green space.	✓	✓	✓							
Proposals affecting woodland, or field hedgerows and/or lines of trees with obvious connectivity to woodland or water bodies.	✓		✓			✓	✓			✓
Proposed tree work (felling or lopping) and/or development affecting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • old and veteran trees that are older than 100 years; • trees with obvious holes, cracks or cavities, • trees with a girth greater than 1m at chest height; 	✓		✓							
Proposals affecting gravel pits or quarries and natural cliff faces and rock outcrops with crevices, caves or swallets.	✓		✓						✓	
Major proposals within 500m of a pond or Minor proposals within 100m of pond (Note: A major proposal is one that is more than 10 dwellings or more than 0.5 hectares or for non-residential development is more than 1000m ² floor area or more than 1 hectare)				✓						
Proposals within 200m of rivers, streams, canals, lakes, or other aquatic habitats.	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		
Proposals affecting 'derelict' land (brownfield sites), allotments and railway land.	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓

Proposed development affecting any buildings, structures, feature or locations where protected species are known to be present*.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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‡ Woodland is defined as land of 1ha or more, under stands of trees with a canopy cover of at least 20%

Water is defined as streams, rivers, ponds and lakes.

± A pond is defined as a waterbody between 100 square meters and 2 hectares in area, which holds water for at least four months of the year

*Confirmed as present by either a data search or as notified to the developer by the LPA/Natural England/Environment Agency or other nature conservation organisations.

Survey requirements:

Should be undertaken by competent persons with suitable qualifications and experience, at the appropriate time of year using recognised survey methods¹. The survey must:

- Record the type of development involved (from column 1)
- Record the species present and their numbers
- Map their distribution and use of the site

Assessment requirements:

It must identify and describe potential development impacts likely to harm the species identified by the survey. Where harm is likely, evidence must be submitted to show:

- How alternatives designs or locations have been considered;
- How adverse effects will be avoided wherever possible;
- How unavoidable impacts will be mitigated or reduced;
- How impacts that cannot be avoided or mitigated will be compensated.

Exceptions for when a full survey may not be required:

1. If it is clear that the proposal will not affect any protected species then only the following information needs to be submitted (in the form of a letter of brief report); that there is no significant effect on any protected species and a statement acknowledging that the applicant is aware that it is a criminal offence to disturb or harm a protected species should they subsequently be found or disturbed.

If you are in doubt about the answers to the above questions or any of the information contained within this document, please seek the advice of a professional ecologist. NNDC may be approached for guidance on the exceptions criteria on 01263 516165.

¹ Further information can be found in *Guidance on Survey Methodology* published by the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management; available at:

<http://www.ieem.org.uk/ecia/>