

Biodiversity Checklist

The checklist below is a guide for applicants to determine which ecological and/or arboricultural survey information will be required to support your planning application. If ecological advice has identified a requirement for further surveys, they must be undertaken prior to submission and the results included in the application documents.

The checklist will be reviewed by the validation team and planning case officer. Every section must be completed with either Yes or No including all sections in Table 5, failure to complete any section will result in invalidation and return of the application. If it is indicated on the checklist that no supporting information is required, you may be requested to provide evidence such as photographs. If the correct information is not provided your application could be delayed.

Where the checklist identifies a requirement for a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA), it will only be accepted if no further surveys are recommended. Where further surveys are identified in a PEA, an Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) must be submitted which compiles the various survey results. The PEA should be undertaken in accordance with CIEEM Guidelines for Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (2017) and meet BS42020:2013. Surveys should be carried out by suitably competent persons and follow relevant good practice.

Table 1 Habitats. Are there any of the following features present?

1. Site Features	Yes	No	Information Required where 'Yes' is selected
a) Trees with stem diameter of 7.5cm or greater measured at 1.5m from ground level on and/or within 30m of the development footprint.	☐	☒	Arboricultural Impact Assessment
b) Trees with any obvious holes, cracks, cavities, dense ivy, deadwood or bat/bird box.	☐	☒	Preliminary Roost Appraisal
c) Shrubs, bushes, climbing plants, non-native hedgerow	☐	☒	No survey required
d) Hedgerows of mostly native species	☐	☒	PEA/EcIA including Hedgerow Regulations Assessment
e) Vegetation on site area >0.1ha	☐	☒	PEA/EcIA
f) Ponds on site or within 250m of site boundary including ornamental/garden ponds	☐	☒	PEA/EcIA
g) Streams, rivers or lakes on or within 25m of the site boundary including banks	☐	☒	PEA/EcIA

Table 2 Buildings / Structures. Will the proposal include works to any of the following?

2. Site Features	Yes	No	Information Required where 'Yes' is selected
a) -Demolition, conversion or renovation (all or part) of a building or structure. -Roof, roof space, barge boards, fascias, soffits or chimney. -Walls with crevices, cladding, hanging tiles or dense climbing plants. -Underground structures such as cellars, basements, culverts or tunnels. -Bridge structures. -Known bat roost.	☐	☒	All applications must provide a Preliminary Roost Appraisal (PRA) with the exception of householder applications, subject to the below. A householder applicant must provide a PRA if roosting bats are known at the site and an applicant may be requested to provide a PRA if the property is listed or within a conservation area.

2. Site Features	Yes	No	Information Required where 'Yes' is selected
b) Non-urban site and: -Disused or derelict buildings. -Old agricultural/outbuildings. -Infrequently used warehouses. -Bridges, viaducts & aquaducts.	☐	☒	Barn Owl survey
c) Single skinned building (e.g. garden shed, steel prefabricated, concrete blockwork, prefabricated cabin or caravan, conservatory or flat roof building with none of the above features.	☐	☒	No ecological survey required

Table 3 Species

3. Site Features	Yes	No	Information Required where 'Yes' is selected
a) Are you aware of any records of protected species on site that could be affected by the proposal?	☐	☒	PEA/EcIA
b) Will the proposal result in illumination or light spill onto mature trees, hedgerow, woodland, water course, waterbody or known bat roost?	☐	☒	EcIA
c) Are any non-native invasive species present on or directly adjacent to the site (e.g. Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam, montbretia or Cotoneaster sp.)	☐	☒	Invasive species management plan

Table 4 Biodiversity Net Gain

4. Site Features	Yes	No	Information Required where 'Yes' is selected
a) Do you consider that if granted, your application would be subject to the biodiversity gain condition?	☐	☒	-Draft Biodiversity Gain Plan, <u>must include</u>: pre-development value & the date the value was taken on; post-development value; and if any irreplaceable habitats are impacted. -Statutory or Small Sites Metric (Excel document with macros disabled) -Condition Assessments (not required for SSM baseline) -Baseline Habitats Plan -Proposed Landscape Plan -Where available, GIS layers of habitats -Any supporting evidence of degraded habitat value (see 4f). See BNG Policy Advice Note for further information.
b) Is the proposal a householder application?	☐	☒	BNG information not required.
c) Will the proposal impact any priority habitat or impact 25m ² (e.g. 5m by 5m) or more of onsite habitat (e.g. soft landscaping) or 5 metres or more of linear habitats such as hedgerow?	☐	☒	BNG information required- see 4a).
d) Is the proposal a self-build or custom build development?	☐	☒	Justification must be provided in 'Table 5 BNG Questionnaire' below.
e) Do you wish to use a date of pre-development biodiversity value earlier than the application date?	☐	☒	Justification must be provided in 'Table 5 BNG Questionnaire' below.
f) Have any activities been carried out on the site prior to the date of application (or earlier proposed date), that have resulted in a loss of onsite biodiversity value (degradation)?	☐	☒	Further information is required in 'Table 5 BNG Questionnaire' below.

4. Site Features	Yes	No	Information Required where 'Yes' is selected
g) Do you consider the person completing the Metric is competent in: identifying habitats present on site; and management requirements for habitats proposed to be created or enhanced within the landscape design?	☐	☒	Further information is required in 'Table 5 BNG Questionnaire' below.
h) Is any part of the site within 500m of a designated site or priority habitat? This includes Ramsar, Special Protection Area, Site of Special Scientific Interest, Local Nature Reserve, Local Wildlife Site. Suggested source - Defras MAGIC Maps	☐	☒	Small Sites Metric (SSM) cannot be used if within a designated site- please complete the statutory metric and associated information. If any part of the site is within 500m of any designated site or priority habitat and the SSM used, please state justification within 'Table 5 BNG Questionnaire' below.

5 Table BNG Questionnaire

If you have marked 'No' to all questions in 4(a-d) and believe your application to be exempt from the BNG requirement for other reasons than those listed, please provide details. Please answer 'N/A' if not applicable.	N/A
If you have answered 'Yes' to 4(d) please provide justification of how the initial owner of the home has had primary input into its final design and layout and confirmation that the applicant will be resident in the property for a period of 5 years or more following completion. Please answer 'N/A' if not applicable.	N/A
If you have marked 'Yes' to 4(e) please state the earlier date you wish to use and justification for proposing that date. Please answer 'N/A' if not applicable.	N/A
If you have marked 'Yes' to 4(f) please state: • the date immediately before these activities were carried out; • the pre-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitat on this date; • confirm that the submitted metric reflects the baseline conditions on that date; • provide any available supporting evidence of this as required in Table 4(a). Please answer 'N/A' if not applicable.	N/A
If you have marked 'Yes' to 4(g) please state the reason/s why the Metric user is a competent person and confirm their qualifications. Please answer 'N/A' if not applicable.	N/A
If you have marked 'Yes' to 4(h) please state the justification for using the Small Sites Metric within 500m of a designated site. Please answer 'N/A' if not applicable.	N/A
If the checklist indicates that information is required and you are not providing this, please provide justification. Please answer 'N/A' if not applicable.	N/A

Confirmation

I confirm that I have completed all sections of this checklist and the information contained within is accurate to the extent of my knowledge. I understand that failure to supply necessary information or surveys may delay registration/consideration of the application.

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