

Biodiversity Survey and Report (Nature Conservation and Ecological Assessment)

Where a proposed development may have possible impacts on wildlife and biodiversity, information should be provided on existing biodiversity interests and possible impacts on them to allow full consideration of those impacts. Where proposals are being made for mitigation and/or compensation measures information to support those proposals will be needed. Where appropriate, accompanying plans should indicate any significant wildlife habitats or features and the location of habitats of any species protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) regulations 1994 or the Protection of Badgers Act 1992. Applications for development in the countryside that will affect areas designated for their biodiversity interests are likely to need to include assessments of impacts and proposals for long-term maintenance and management. This information might form part of an Environmental Statement, where one is necessary. Certain proposals which include work such as demolition of older buildings or roof spaces, removal of trees, scrub, hedgerows or alterations to water courses may affect protected species and will need to provide information on them, any potential impacts on them and any mitigation proposals for such impacts. Government planning policies for biodiversity are set out in Planning Policy Statement 9. Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (PPS9) (August 2005), PPS 9, www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/147408 and is accompanied by Government Circular: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation – Statutory obligations and their impact within the planning system (ODPM Circular 06/2005, Defra Circular 01/2005, www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/147570 and Planning for Biodiversity and Geological Conservation: A Guide to Good Practice, www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/143792 See also the Authority's website for Planning and Biodiversity – Advice Note 2 <http://www.moors.uk.net/uploads/publication/6244.pdf>

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Flood Risk Assessments/ Sequential Test (flood zones)

This is required to demonstrate how flood risk from all sources of flooding to the development itself and flood risk to others will be managed now and taking climate change into account. Planning Policy Statement 25: development and Flood Risk (PPS25) provides comprehensive guidance in relation to the undertaking of flood risk assessments and the responsibilities for controlling development where it may be directly affected by flooding or affect elsewhere. www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/planningpolicystatement25 Further advice and guidance relating to Flood Risk assessments and Sequential Tests can be found at www.pipernetworking.com/floodrisk/matrix.html.

Tree Survey/Arboriculture Assessment

Where there are trees within the application site, or land adjacent to it that could influence or be affected by the development (including street trees), information will be required on which trees are to be retained and on the means of protecting these trees during construction works. A suitably qualified and experienced arboriculturalist should prepare this information. The information provided with the application must be in accordance with British Standard 5837:2005 Trees in relation to construction – Recommendations. Copies of the British Standard can be obtained from The British Standards Institute at www.bsonline.bsi-global.com See also the Authority's website for Planning Advice Note 1 – Trees and Development <http://www.moors.uk.net/uploads/publication/5855.pdf>

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