4. BIODIVERSITY CHECKLISTS - A GUIDE TO DEVELOPERS

- 10.1 Respondents are advised to utilise and complete the checklists below which is contained within the Natural Environment and Biodiversity SPG.
- 10.2 The purpose is to help respondent and the Council to identify where their site could have an impact on relevant protected sites, species and habitats and to provide a clear, transparent process for both respondent and Local Planning Authority (LPA) to follow in relation to the compliance with national policy and legislation. The checklists will assist the applicant and the Council in understanding the potential biodiversity implications of a proposed development. The assessment checklist for both protected sites and habitats and protected and priority species also indicates specific criteria where detailed surveys will likely to be required and also where there is a reasonable likelihood of a species being present. Survey requirements and where further specific guidance on surveys can be obtained are detailed in Section 11.

Sites and Habitats Checklist

Internationally important sites											
	Please tick as appropriate										
Is the development likely to affect a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) or Ramsar site?	Yes* No]									
The nature, scale and distance from/type of features of SPA/SAC/Ramsar will determine whether the impact of the development on that site will need to be considered with respect to HRA. If unsure please contact the LPA Ecologist for further guidance and advice.											
Any planning submission must document any potential significant effects of the proposed development, on any internationally designated site (SAC, SPA, Ramsar site). This information will inform the Test of Likely Significant Effect and help inform whether an Appropriate Assessment will be required. The application should provide sufficient information to ascertain whether the proposal is likely to have any adverse effect on any designated site and also identify any nature conservation features (habitats/species) that are likely to be affected by the proposals and identify potential options for required mitigation. This information should ideally be contained within a habitats regulations screening document to be											

submitted as part of any application, if considered	
necessary the scope of any assessment can be agreed	
with the planning ecologist.	
*If you answer yes to this question additional detail may	•
Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to enable the complete	tion of a Habitat Regulations
Assessment (HRA).	
This may not be necessary where the applicant is able	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
correspondence from NRW, which confirms that they a development will not have a detrimental impact on any	• •
development will not have a detrimental impact on any	SAC OF SEA SILE.
Nationally important sites	
Does the proposed development affect a Site of	
Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)?	
	Yes No
The nature, scale and distance from/type of features of	
SSSI will determine whether the impact of the	
development on that site will need to be considered by	
NRW.	
If you answer yes, you will need to consider whether the	
result in damage to the wildlife value of the site and you	
clarify. It may be necessary to submit supporting inform	
of a written report, showing that the proposal will not im	•
submit copies of any correspondence with your plannin	g application.
Deviand and lead sites	
Regional and local sites.	
Does the development affect, or is it adjacent to a Local	
Nature Reserve (LNR), Regionally Important	Van
Geological/Geomorphological Site (RIGS), Site of	Yes No
Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC)?	

Protected and Priority Species (Species of Principal Importance) Checklist

Development Proposal	Yes/No	European Protected Species				Na	tiona	ally F	Prote	cted	Spe	cies		Pric	ority	Spe	cies					
		Bats	Otter	Dormouse	Harbour Porpoise	Water vole	Marsh Fritillary	Red Squirrel	Badger	Barn Owl	Peregrine	Breeding Birds	Other Protected Birds	Pine Marten	Invertebrates	Reptiles	Birds	Mammals	Plants	Fungi	Invertebrates	Herptile (amphibian & Reptile)
Proposed development which includes the modification, extension, conversion, demolition or removal of buildings and structures and / or proposals including the following:																						
 demolition of buildings, and changes affecting the roof (e.g. house extensions, loft conversions, reroofing, extensions; works affecting buildings such as churches, chapels, listed buildings, schools, offices, commercial premises, hotels, pubs, hospitals and derelict buildings; work affecting of demolition of agricultural buildings (e.g. farmhouses, barns, outbuildings, Dutch barns, livestock buildings particularly of traditional brick or 																						

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stone construction and/or with exposed wooden beams greater than 20cm thick; • buildings pre-1914 which are within 400m of woodland and/or water or pre- 1914 buildings with gable ends or slate roofs regardless of location; • tunnels, mines, kilns, ice-houses, adits, military fortifications, air raid shelters, cellars and similar underground ducts and structures; • bridge structures, aqueducts and viaducts (especially over water and wet ground).																						
Buildings within 200m of a woodland and or water (subject to the specifics of the proposal).																						
Buildings located within or immediately adjacent to woodland and or immediately adjacent to water.																						

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Proposals for floodlighting of churches and listed buildings or flood lighting of green space within 50m of woodland, water, field hedgerows or lines of trees with connectivity to woodland or water.																						
Proposals affecting woodland, field hedgerows, hedgebanks, stone walls etc and/or lines of trees and other features of connectivity such as scrub, notably linked to woodland or water bodies.																						
Tree work incorporating felling, removal and or lopping and/or development affecting:																						
 old and veteran trees of over 100 years old; 																						

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 trees with obvious holes, cracks or cavities, flaking bark, exposed tears and/or splits 																						
 trees with a girth greater than 1m at chest height 																						
woodland.																						
Proposals for wind turbines, single and multiple.																						
Hydro schemes																						
Solar Schemes																						

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Proposals affecting or within 200m of rivers, streams, canals, lakes, ponds, reed beds, marshy grassland or other aquatic habitats (subject to the specifics of the proposal).																						
Proposals located within or immediately adjacent to:																						
Quarries or gravel pits.																						
 Natural cliff faces and rock outcrops with crevices or caves and swallets. 																						
Proposals affecting 'derelict' land (brownfield sites), allotments and railway land.																						

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Proposals affecting rank or species-rich grassland or scrub																						
Proposed development affecting any buildings, structures, feature or locations where protected/priority species or habitats are known to be present.*																						

^{*} Confirmed as present by either a data search via the Local Records Centre or as notified to the developer by the LA, and/or by NRW or other nature conservation organisation