

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
<p>Is the development likely to affect a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) or Ramsar site?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>submitted as part of any application, if considered necessary the scope of any assessment can be agreed with the planning ecologist.</p>	
<p>*If you answer yes to this question additional detail maybe required by the LPA and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to enable the completion of a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA).</p> <p>This may not be necessary where the applicant is able to provide pre-application correspondence from NRW, which confirms that they are satisfied that the proposed development will not have a detrimental impact on any SAC or SPA site.</p>	
<p>Nationally important sites</p>	
<p>Does the proposed development affect a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)?</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>If you answer yes, you will need to consider whether the proposed development could result in damage to the wildlife value of the site and you should consult with NRW to clarify. It may be necessary to submit supporting information from NRW and/or in the form of a written report, showing that the proposal will not impact on the SSSI. You should submit copies of any correspondence with your planning application.</p>	
<p>Regional and local sites.</p>	
<p>Does the development affect, or is it adjacent to a Local Nature Reserve (LNR), Regionally Important Geological/Geomorphological Site (RIGS), Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC)?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Development Proposal	Yes/No	European Protected Species				Nationally Protected Species							Priority Species									
		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)
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:		■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarries or gravel pits. 		■						■			■		■					■				■
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

