

SECTION 1 – Sites and Habitats

PROPOSAL DETAILS Please answer ALL questions Yes or No by marking the appropriate box against each question	YES	NO	If you have answered ' YES ' to any of these, is it likely that the development would have an impact on the identified site? (see note 2) Please explain why / why not, or state if further information is provided (see below***)
1.1 Is the application site on or within 50m of a SSSI, SAC, SPA or Ramsar site? (see note 1)		✓	
1.2 Are any of the following present on or within 50m of the application site? NB: If Yes, there may be a SINC* , Priority Habitat** or other important feature within or adjacent to the application site – please see <u>note 3</u> for further information on identifying these.			
a) Broad-leaved woodland		✓	
b) Veteran (particularly old / large) trees		✓	
c) Water courses (rivers or streams)		✓	
d) Lakes or ponds		✓	
e) Wetlands or marshes		✓	
f) Flower-rich meadow / grassland		✓	
g) Water meadow		✓	
h) Heathland		✓	
i) Mature hedgerow		✓	

* SINC – Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. These are not legally protected, but are identified in the LPA's Local Plan as being of importance for biodiversity and are considered during the planning process.

** Priority Habitat – natural or semi-natural habitats that have been identified as being at risk (in that they are rare or in decline) or that are important for certain key species of plant or animal – see <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/prioritylist.aspx>

*** This may simply be a brief explanation in the box provided, for example stating that the identified feature is outside the development footprint and boundaries, or may be a more formal biodiversity assessment or survey report. Please note that submitted information will be reviewed by the Planning Authority's retained ecological advisor and you may be asked for further clarification if necessary either prior to validation or during the application process.

Section 2 - Species

PROPOSAL DETAILS Please answer ALL questions Yes or No by marking the appropriate box against each question	YES	NO	If you have ticked 'YES' to any of these, you will need to consider potential impacts to the following:	Survey attached?
2.1 Will the proposed works affect existing buildings with ANY of the following features? (see note 2)				
a) buildings with hanging tiles (see note 5), timber cladding / weatherboarding where the building is within 200m of woodland or water		✓	Bats and bat roosts	
b) pre-1960 buildings or structures within 200m of woodland and/or water		✓		
c) pre-1914 buildings or structures within 400m of woodland and/or water		✓		
d) pre-1914 buildings with gable ends, traditional clay tile roofs or slate roofs, hanging tiles or weatherboarding regardless of location		✓		
e) structures where there is known current or historic bat use		✓		
2.2 Will the proposal affect trees with ANY of the following features? (see note 2)				
a) old and veteran trees		✓	- Bats and bat roosts - Nesting birds	
b) trees with obvious holes, cracks, cavities or heavy vegetation		✓		
c) trees with a circumference greater than 1m at chest height		✓		
2.3 Are there streams, rivers or lakes on or within 25m of the application site that would be affected (including their banks and adjacent habitat) by the development?		✓	- Bat foraging habitat - Otters - Water vole - White-clawed crayfish	
2.4 Will the proposals affect (see note 2) any of the following features?				
a) deciduous (i.e. not mainly conifer) woodland?		✓	- Bat foraging habitat - Dormice - Breeding birds - Badger	
b) field hedgerows over 1m tall and over 0.5m thick?		✓		
c) areas of scrub well-connected to woodland or hedgerows?		✓		
2.5 Is the proposal within 200m of a pond, where the surface area of the pond, when water is at its highest level (excluding flood events), is 225m ² (c.15m x 15m)?		✓	Amphibians (particularly with respect to great crested newts)	
2.6 Will the proposal affect mature/overgrown gardens over 0.25ha, or any rough grassland, derelict/brownfield land, railway land or allotments? (see note 2)		✓	- Reptiles - Breeding birds	
2.7 Will the proposal affect flower-rich meadows or grassland on or directly adjacent to the site? (see note 2)		✓	Breeding birds	

Notes

▪ Note 1

You can find out if your application site is on or near any of these sites from www.natureonthemap.org.uk, www.magic.gov.uk or the LPA's Local Plan Proposals Map for your local planning authority.

SSSI = Site of Special Scientific Interest (designated and protected under UK law); SAC = Special Area of Conservation; SPA = Special Protection Area (these are designated and protected under EU law and are also SSSIs); Ramsar site = internationally important wetland, designated under the Ramsar Convention – these will also be SPAs / SACs and SSSIs. See

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/designatedareas/default.aspx> for more information.

▪ Note 2

Effects could be DIRECT, such as destruction, removal or modification, or INDIRECT through disturbance such as run-off, noise, dust, lighting or increased recreational use.

▪ Note 3

Areas of designated Ancient Woodland and some Priority Habitats can be found on www.magic.gov.uk. The LPA's Local Plan Proposals Map for your local planning authority may identify the location of any SINC's. Ordnance survey maps may also help.

▪ Note 4

Avoidance = measures taken to avoid impacts – should be the first considerations; Mitigation = measures which make unavoidable impacts less severe; Compensation = measures which counterbalance remaining impacts, resulting in an overall no net loss of biodiversity. (NB 'Mitigation' as a general term, or a 'mitigation strategy' is often used to cover all these processes).

▪ Note 5 – a note on hanging tiles.

This checklist, where relating to potential impacts on **bats**, is adapted from the Bat Conservation Trust's guidelines (see <http://www.bats.org.uk/pages/guidanceforprofessionals.html>) on where bats might reasonably be likely to be found. However bats can be found in other locations, types or areas of buildings. It is particularly important to note that where a building has **hanging tiles** but is not within 200m of woodland or water, there is still potentially a reasonable likelihood of bats being present and a survey may be required in situations other than those specifically identified in this checklist.

Important: this checklist can not include all protected species and all circumstances where they may be affected. Legislation relating to protected species applies in all circumstances and it is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that protected species and habitats are not impacted as a result of development. If protected species are found during the course of development, work should be halted and advice sought from Natural England or a qualified ecologist.

For office use:

1	Have ALL questions on ALL sections been completed?	Y / N	If YES, go to 2	If NO, application should not be validated
2	Have any questions been answered 'Yes'?	Y / N	If YES, go to 3	If NO, application can be validated
3	Does the applicant identify likely impacts and address potential issues in any comments made on the checklist?	Y / N	If YES, application can be validated	If NO, go to 4
4	Has a separate statement, report or other supporting information been submitted to address potential impacts?	Y / N	If YES, application can be validated	If NO, application should not be validated