

Biodiversity Checklist – Rural Location

- Only for use with application sites which are impacting on an area less than 0.1ha.
- The below is intended as a guide for when and which ecological survey will be required to support your planning application. If professional ecological advice has identified further surveys are required, these should always be undertaken before the application is submitted to the Planning Authority.
- Where the checklist indicates that no surveys are required, a copy of this should be submitted to the planning authority to support your application. The checklist will be reviewed by the validation team and your planning case officer, further evidence such as photographs may be requested to enable this review. Incorrect information provided is likely to cause delays to your planning application.
- If more than one of these features will be impacted and a series of different surveys are indicated by the checklist an Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) will be required.
- Where a survey identifies an impact on biodiversity, a standardised Biodiversity Plan is required to be submitted to Dorset Council Natural Environment Team (DC NET) for review.

Rural Location - Site is in the countryside or on the edge of a village/town or next to a green space/green corridor/river or stream/the coast.				
Biodiversity features		Yes	No	Information required
Natural habitats	Shrubs/bushes/climbing plants/non-native hedgerow.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No survey required. Avoid the nesting bird season, a pre-works nesting bird check will be required if the nesting bird season cannot be avoided.
	Native hedgerow.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) including Hedgerow Regulations Assessment.
	Pond onsite to be removed or decreased in size (not stocked with fish).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA).
	Mature trees, small areas of woodland or scrub, orchards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Watercourse within 10m of works (Consent from the Environment Agency will be required if near main river, Dorset Council for non-main rivers).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Mature/overgrown garden, rough grassland, derelict land, brownfield, railway sidings, allotments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Buildings	Demolition of buildings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preliminary Roost Appraisal (PRA).
	Current enclosed loft/roof space, existing roofline, replacement of roof, chimney, small gaps, or crevices within; roof tiles, lead flashing, stonework, wooden frames, wooden cladding, vertical hanging tiles, timber framed windows, soffits, fascia's, bargeboards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Garage / outbuilding / underground structures / tunnel / bridge / culvert / cellar / stable / barn / derelict building / open single skinned garage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preliminary Roost Appraisal (PRA) & Barn Owl Survey.
Lighting	New lighting proposed (in non-residential situations i.e. lighting a church, floodlighting a sports pitch, a line of trees, advertisement consents).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA).
None	Change to conservatory, single skinned concrete garage, flat roof buildings with none of the above listed features, prefabricated cabins/caravans, single skinned outbuilding with no openings (such as steel prefabricated, wooden shed, concrete blockwork).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No ecological survey required.
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I confirm that I have completed this checklist and the information contained within is accurate to the extent of my knowledge.				
Site Address				
Name				
Date				