

It is an offence to kill, injure, disturb or destroy European Protected Species and National Protected Species and their places of shelter or protection - whether or not planning permission is granted. This includes bats, birds nests or sightings of species such as bats, badgers, dormice, otters, slow worms, adders, grass snakes, common lizards, southern damselflies, great crested newts, water voles and nesting birds, great crested newts, otters and dormice. If Protected Species are found during the course of any works you must stop work immediately and contact Natural England because Protected Species legislation still applies.

Habitat	Probability	Species (WCA 1981), (Hab Regs 1994), (Badgers act 1992), UK BAP	Outcomes/planning requirements
Woodland and Hedgerows	High	Bats, Badgers, Breeding Birds,	Pre-det surveys, Possible NE Licence and mitigation
	Medium	Invertebrates (Especially Butterflies), Great Crested Newts	Phase 1 habitat surveys, possible NE licence and mitigation
	Low	Reptiles	
Riparian (River or Stream) corridors	High	Otter, Water Vole, White Clawed Crayfish, Grass snake, Bats, Notable Fish	Pre-det surveys, Possible NE Licence and mitigation
	Medium	Breeding Birds, Great Crested Newts	Phase 1 habitat surveys, possible NE licence and mitigation
	Low	Invertebrates	
Arable (inc field margins)	High	Breeding Birds, Brown Hare, Barn Owl, Badger	Pre-det surveys, Possible NE License and mitigation
	Medium	Great Crested Newts	Phase 1 habitat surveys, possible NE licence and mitigation
	Low	Invertebrates, Reptiles	
Overgrown or Under managed areas	High	Great Crested Newts, Grass Snakes, Breeding birds	Pre-det surveys, Possible NE License and mitigation
	Medium	Badgers, Invertebrates	Phase 1 habitat surveys
	Low	Bats (if there are mature trees)	Pre-start visual checks, Possible NE License and mitigation
Brown-field sites (inc railway sites)	High	Slow Worm, Grass snake, Great Crested Newt, Badger, Breeding Birds	Pre-det surveys, Possible NE License and mitigation
	Medium	Invertebrates, Bats, Common Lizard	Phase 1 habitat surveys
	Low		Pre-start visual checks
Domestic Gardens	High	Slow Worm, Great Crested Newt, Grass Snake, Breeding Bird Bats (If trees, buildings or dwellings are affected)	Pre-det surveys, Possible NE License and mitigation
	Medium	Badger	Phase 1 habitat surveys
	Low	Invertebrates, Common Lizard	
Allotments	High	Slow Worm, Great Crested Newt, Grass snake, Breeding Bird Bats (If trees, buildings or dwellings are affected)	Pre-det surveys, Possible NE License and mitigation
	Medium	Badger	Phase 1 habitat surveys
	Low	Invertebrates, Slow Worms, Common Lizard	
Grasslands	High	Breeding birds, Invertebrates, Badger, Grass Snake, Great Crested Newt.	Pre-det surveys, Possible NE License and mitigation
	Medium	Barn Owl,	Phase 1 habitat surveys
	Low		
Ponds (Close to Development)	High	Great Crested Newt, Grass Snake, Water Vole (larger ponds)	Pre-det surveys, Possible NE License and mitigation
	Medium	Badger (around margins), Invertebrates, Breeding Birds, Bats (Mature Trees, bridges, culverts)	Phase 1 habitat surveys
	Low		

Key

High - A very strong possibility that these species are present and will require consideration and mitigation if present

Medium - A strong possibility that these species are present and will require consideration and mitigation if present

Low - This habitat is less likely to support a 'high' or 'medium' rated species but other species could be a consideration

In all cases, this must be considered as a guide only. If you are in any doubt, please contact the County Council Ecological Services who will be happy to assist 01926 418060.