

### Householder applications validation considerations - Ecology.

It is an offence to kill, injure, disturb or destroy European Protected Species and nationally protected species and their places of shelter or protection - whether or not planning permission is granted. This includes bats, dormice, otters, water voles, badgers, great crested newts, slow worms, adders, grass snakes, common lizards and nesting birds. If protected species are found during the course of any works, work must stop immediately and Natural England should be contacted for advice on how to proceed.

This validation checklist should only be applied if there are no known records of presence of protected species within the planning application. If this is the case then WCC Ecological Services should be contacted

**\*This document is indicative and DOES NOT cover all eventualities, if unsure, please contact WCC Ecological Services\***

**\*All protected species surveys must be submitted with the planning application and prior to determination\***

Ecological Surveys should be undertaken by appropriately qualified ecological consultants. A list of such consultants can be found via the CIEEM directory at [www.cieem.net](http://www.cieem.net)

**Designated sites** - Any SSSI, LNR, Local Wildlife Site(LWS) or potential LWS or Ecosite.

**Notes** - An advisory note is likely to be added once the application has been fully considered, should permission be granted.

**Major Work** = Any proposal that will have a significant effect on the appearance and structure of the building (including roofing works)

**Contact Ecology** = A protected species survey may still be required, so please contact the WCC Ecological Services for further advice **(01926) 418060**

<b>Bats</b>				
Type of building / Feature	Proposal	Factors to consider	Yes/No	Outcome
<b>Dwelling</b>	Demolition	Q1 -Does the structure only consist of a flat roof?	Yes	Contact Ecology
			No	Bat Survey
	Single storey extension	Will an existing roof be affected?	Yes	Contact Ecology
			No	Bat note
	Two storey extension	Will the gable be affected?	Yes	Contact Ecology
	Dormer/velux/rooflight/sash windows	Does the roof already have such features?	Yes	Contact Ecology
			No	Bat note
	Chimney alteration/erection	Will a chimney be altered or new one erected	Yes	Contact Ecology
	Porch alteration	Does it currently have a pitched roof?	Yes	Contact Ecology
			No	Bat note
	Loft conversion		Yes	Contact Ecology
<b>Garage</b>	Any major works	Does the structure have a flat roof with no roofing felt, soffit boxes, hanging tiles and external timber cladding / boarding?	Yes	Bat note
			No	Contact Ecology
<b>Garden shed/domestic outhouses</b>	Any major works	Q1 -Is the structure wooden with an asphalt roof?	Yes	Contact Ecology
			No	See Q2
		Q2- Is the structure brick-built with a tiled roof?	Yes	Contact Ecology
<b>Cellars and other underground structures</b>	Any major works	Will the cellar or other underground structure be significantly affected?	Yes	Contact Ecology
<b>Trees</b>	Felling and pruning operations	Are there mature broadleaved trees on the site that will be affected?	Yes	Contact Ecology
<b>Great Crested Newt</b>				
		Q1 - Is there a pond within the ownership boundary?	Yes	See Q2
			No	See Q4
		Q2 - Are there fish in the pond and no known GCN records in the area?	Yes	GCN note
			No	See Q3
		Q3 - Will the existing building footprint increase?	Yes	GCN survey
			No	GCN Note
		Q4 - Is there a pond within 250M of the application area?	Yes	Contact Ecology
<b>Reptiles</b>				
		Are there allotments within 100m?	Yes	Contact Ecology
		Is there a water-course or standing water within 100m?	Yes	Contact Ecology
		Are there records of reptiles within 100m?	Yes	Contact Ecology
		Does the site support significant areas of waste ground and or rough grassland?	Yes	Contact Ecology
<b>Otter and Water Vole</b>				
		Is there a water-course or standing water within 100m?	Yes	Contact Ecology
<b>White Clawed-Crayfish and Notable Fish</b>				
	works within water	Does the work involve works within a water course?	Yes	Contact Ecology
<b>Badger</b>				
		Is there a woodland within 100m and/or badger records in the area?	yes	Contact Ecology
<b>Designated Sites</b>				
	Any major works.	Is the application within or adjacent to a designated site?	Yes	Contact Ecology
<b>Important Habitats</b>				
		Does the site support habitats including woodland, hedgerows, grassland, mature trees, streams, rivers, ponds, orchards, disused brownfield sites?	Yes	Contact Ecology