

Cherwell Biodiversity/Ecology checklist

Do you need to submit an Ecology report or BNG information with your application? **NO-SEE DETAILED ACCOMPANYING**

NOTE:

This is not an exhaustive list but designed to assist applicants in determining whether a report is likely to be required. Pre-application advice can also be sought.

<https://cherwell.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html>

Part A – Triggers for Ecology Report		Yes (Ecology Report required)	No
1a. The application site (red line) is greater than 0.1 hectares			
1b. The proposal:			
i. Involves demolition of a building.			
ii. Involves works to a roof, roof space, weather boarding or hanging tiles e.g. loft conversion, roof raising, extensions.			
iii. Involves works to a quarry or built structures such as bridges, viaducts, aqueducts, tunnels, mines, kilns, ice houses, military fortifications, air raid shelters, cellars and similar underground ducts and structures.			
iv. Involves the development of wind turbine(s) or solar panels, including domestic turbines and solar panels.			
v. Will illuminate / cause light spill onto a building, mature tree (see ix), woodland, field hedge, pasture, watercourse, water body, tree line or a known bat roost.			
vi. Impacts on a watercourse, or standing open water (e.g. ponds, reedbeds), excluding ornamental garden fish ponds.			
vii. Removes, or moves, part / all of a hedge or line of trees (excluding non-native or urban hedges unless > 10m being removed).			
viii. Is within, or may impact on (including impacts on hydrology), a woodland or scrub connected to a woodland or hedge.			

ix.	Involves surgery to or felling of a mature tree with obvious holes, cracks or cavities, dense ivy, deadwood, bird / bat box (i.e. features which may be a bat roost).		
x.	Involves removal of lowland meadows, (Flower rich, important for invertebrates and ground nesting birds such as skylark.), wet grassland (associated with river floodplains, sometimes flower rich), flower rich grassland or lowland heathland.		
xi.	Involves removal of any woodland or orchards		
xii.	Involves the removal of arable field margins		
xiii.	Is within or adjacent to a Conservation Target Area (CTA)		
xiv.	May impact directly or indirectly (via a watercourse or air pollution pathway) on a designated wildlife site (Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Area, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, County Wildlife Site, Local Nature Reserve, Special Verge). * Applicants submitting a householder application do not need to answer this question.		
Part B – Triggers for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) information (statutory metric, BNG statement, plans)		Yes (BNG information required)	No (if no go to part C)
i.	Is the site greater than 0.1ha		
ii.	Is it on or adjacent to a designated wildlife site? (LNR, SSSI, SAC, SPA etc.)		
iii.	Is the development for 10 or more houses?		
Part C – Triggers for Small Site Metric (from April 2024) and BNG information – if offsite mitigation measures are needed a full metric will be required.		Yes (BNG information required)	No
i.	Is the development over 25m ² or 5m for linear habitats?		