BIODIVERSITY CHECKLIST

Property:

SECTION 1. PROTECTED SPECIES

	YES	NO
Bats		
Has the site been surveyed for bats?		
Have the existing building / structures been used by bats?		
Are there any trees on the site that have the potential to support bats?		
If 'Yes', then potential holes, cracks etc. should be checked for signs of bat occupation, where appropriate this should include evening emergent counts. If bat roosts are found anywhere on the development site then details of the species concerned, location of the roost, significance of the roost and recommendations for mitigation should be submitted with the planning application.		
Badgers		
Has the site been surveyed for badgers?		
Is there any evidence of badger setts on or near the application site?		
Are Badgers commuting through the site to foraging areas?		
If badgers setts are found on or close to the development site details of the sett(s) location, sett status, runs and recommendations for mitigation should be submitted with the planning application. Where appropriate safe routes to foraging areas should be incorporated into the development proposals.		
Dormice		
Has the site been surveyed for dormice?		
Is there any evidence of, or is the habitat suitable for, dormice ?		
Thickly hedged fields could contain dormice. If a survey reveals them recommendations for mitigation should be submitted with the planning application.		
Barn Owls		
Has the site been surveyed for barn owls ?		
Is there any evidence of nesting barn owls?		
If 'Yes', then details of location of the roost and recommendations for mitigation should be submitted with the planning application.		
Reptiles		
Has the site been surveyed for reptiles ?		
Is there any evidence of, or is the habitat suitable for, reptiles?		
If 'Yes', then details of the species concerned, significance, and recommendations for mitigation should be submitted with the planning application.		
Protected species found in ponds/rivers/streams and associated terrestrial habitats:		
Is there any evidence of any of the following?		
Great crested newt		
Water vole		
Otter		
White-clawed crayfish		
If 'Yes', then details of the species concerned, location, significance, and recommendations for mitigation should be submitted with the planning application.		
Other protected or Biodiversity species e.g. nightjar, Dartford warbler, kingfisher		
Is there any evidence of, or is the habitat suitable for, any of the above?		
If 'Yes', then details of the species concerned, location, significance, and recommendations for mitigation should be submitted with the planning application.		

SECTION 2: PROTECTED & IMPORTANT HABITATS THAT MAY SUPPORT PROTECTED SPECIES

	YES	NO
Is the development.....		
On		
Adjacent to		
Within 400m of		
a Statutorily designated site e.g SSSI, SAC, SPA or an SNCI or LNR?		
If 'Yes' which one ?.....		
What habitats are present at the site?		
Hedgerows		
Woodland/Trees		
Unimproved grassland		
Heathland		
Ponds/streams/rivers		
Will the development have any impact upon any of these?		
If 'Yes', please state which.....		
If 'Yes' to any of the above, please include a plan identifying location of any designation(s), habitats and features referred to and copies of any surveys with the planning application.		
Will any areas of hedgerow/scrub/woodland/trees or other features likely to be used by nesting birds be affected as part of this development? *If 'Yes', mitigation measures to ensure occupied nests are protected should be included with the application.*		

Comments .....

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Details of any surveys (enclose copy if protected species found)	Date	Copy enclosed ? Y/N

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and accurate.

Signed ..... (applicant/agent)

Signed..... (ecologist or other suitably qualified person)

Date.....