Biodiversity mitigation plan checklist

If protected species are likely to be affected by the development proposal, you should include a biodiversity mitigation plan with your planning application. Use this checklist to make sure you include the necessary information.

Check if your local planning authority (LPA) has any specific requirements or a template you can complete.

Planning application details

Include:

- the name of the LPA
- planning application reference number (if known)
- a description of the development proposal - include its size in hectares (ha) and number of units, if relevant
- location and grid reference of the development proposal
- your name
- the name of your ecological consultant

Features of interest on site

Include:

- a list of each affected protected species
- an estimate of each species' population size
- an estimate of the importance of the population (high, medium, low, unknown)
- the total area (ha) of affected priority habitats and important habitat features

Summary of your mitigation plan

This may include:

- avoidance of harm through best practice
- measures to deter species from the location
- capture and planned movement of individual species
- controlled destruction of shelters, including breeding sites
- replacement of shelters or breeding sites
- habitat creation or enhancement measures
- monitoring, management and remediation measures
- action you will take if protected species are found during construction

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Check if you need a protected species licence

Read the guide for developers on [protected species licensing](#) to make sure you would be granted a licence if one is needed.

Mitigation method statement

Set out more detailed mitigation and management measures you'll need for a protected species licence to reduce negative harm from your activity on the protected species.

Biodiversity net gain

Summarise on and off-site compensation and enhancement measures that you'll put in place to deliver a net gain in biodiversity, in line with the [National Planning Policy Framework](#).

Declaration by applicant

Include:

- your name
- your responsibilities
- date