

Case Study Template

Topic	PLANNING: Policies and Protection
Name of Initiative	Planning Guidance on Ecological Surveys and Planning Applications
Name of Local Authority / Organisation	Chichester District Council
Related Topics/Issues	PLANNING: Ecology/Environment, Experience of Developing SPG, Landscape Strategy

Aims & Objectives	To translate Natural England guidance into local planning guidance, providing applicants with advice on where ecological surveys will need to accompany their planning application
Outcomes & Impacts	Development of local planning guidance and Protected Species Checklist to help applicants determine if their planning application will need an accompanying ecological survey
Process	Developed in consultation with our Development Control Managers and after reviewing Natural England guidance and other best practice guidance
Resources/Funding	Officer Time
Timescales	Ongoing
Evaluation	
Prospects & Opportunities	To increase the number of planning applications submitted with the necessary surveys to prevent delays in the process
Key Learning/Advice for Others	Already a number of good examples of guidance and checklists available to prevent re-inventing the wheel. Ensure Development Control are fully consulted as can provide details of thresholds which are appropriate to the local area

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Other Information Sources
Link to documents: www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=12265