

BIODIVERSITY MITIGATION PLAN 11 MAR 2015

Section A: Planning Application Details

Planning Authority: North Dorset	Planning Application Ref. No: (if available)
Location: Land 2+ Hine Tan Lane Sturminster Newton	Proposed Development: Proposed residential plot with erection of dwellings onsite.
Post Code: DT11 0SN	
Grid Reference: ST 827 110	
Ecological consultant: TRISH VAUX	Planning Officer: (if known)

Section B: Details of Biodiversity Interest Features Affected

Protected species / BAP interests	Habitat Feature (e.g. sett, pond, hedgerow etc) / Type of Bat Roost (e.g. maternity, summer etc)	Population estimate / status
Precautionary measures Muscardinus arvalis	hedgerow - possible foraging / roost site	Precautionary - small
reptiles - slowworms	hedgerow / scrub - nesting sites	Precautionary - small

Summary of Survey Findings / Roost Description

The site is bound by hedgerows that have hazel.

The site itself is an overgrazed field with small pockets of scrub and tall meadows adjacent to mature tree hedgerows.

The site has the potential to support protected species as such precautionary measures are recommended.

Section C: Details of Existing Bat Roost

Roost Type e.g. roof void, cavity	n/a					
Roost Dimensions (m):	Void width:		Void length:		Void height (at apex):	
Roof Aspect:	N / S		NE / SW		E / W	SE / NW

Section D: Bat Mitigation Details

Type of Mitigation Measures To Be Implemented

Permanent Replacement / Modified Roost (roof void):		Temporary Replacement Bat Roost:		Bat boxes / bricks required:	
Timing of works on bat roost (Please specify by calendar month)					
Disturbance to Existing Roost:					
Completion of Temporary Roosting Opportunities (if applicable):		N/A			
Completion of Permanent Roost (if applicable):					
EPS Licence Required for Works:		YES		NO	

Details of Permanent Bat Roost Features					
Replacement Roost Type e.g. roof void, bat box	N/A				
Roost Void Dimensions (m):	Void width:		Void length:		Void height (at apex):
Roof Aspect:	N / S		NE / SW		E / W
					SE / NW
Make of bat box / brick to be installed		No.	Make of bat box / brick to be installed		No.

Description of Permanent Bat Roost Features
 Include details on location / roof plan, showing access point(s), bat bricks / boxes and internal roosting features.

N/A

Description of Temporary Replacement Roost (i.e. structures / boxes that will be removed on completion of works)
 (Please include information on locality e.g. whether in existing building, new structure etc)

N/A

Avoidance of harm through best practice	✓	Measures to deter individuals from location	✓	Capture and translocation of individuals	
Controlled destruction of place of shelter / breeding site	✓	Replacement of place of shelter / breeding site	✓	Habitat enhancement measures	✓

EPS / NE Licence Required for Works:

YES

NO

Section F: Biodiversity Mitigation Method Statement – Protect Species & habitats

Please list all mitigation features that *must* be applied to mitigate impacts to protected species and habitats and will form a permanent part of the new development (e.g. number of bird boxes, length of native hedge planting, number or area of ponds etc)

- Prior to hedgerow removal an ecologist will perform nut and nest search.
- Hedge will be removed by soft demolition.
- All areas of scrub/tall vegetation to be disturbed and stemmed in sections, areas must remain short and uniform, first trim in summer months - early autumn
- Pasture field to be grazed or cut until works start.
- Hedgerow removed outside of hibernation periods (mid Oct → April inclusive)

Section G: On-site Biodiversity Compensation and Enhancement Measures

Please summarise as bullet points the onsite biodiversity compensation / enhancement measures to be secured in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework and Section 40 of the NERC Act 2006.

- New hedge planting with native mix including hawthorn, hazel and blackthorn.
- Placement of logpiles on site for future shelter sites for potential reptiles - 2 within boundary of site.

After onsite mitigation will the scheme result in a residual loss to biodiversity?
If Yes please summarise additional offsite compensation measures in Section H.

YES

NO

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Section H: Off-site Compensation Measures

N.B. OFFSITE MEASURES SET OUT IN THIS SECTION WILL NOT BE COVERED BY PLANNING CONDITION

Residual biodiversity losses may occur due to loss of nesting habitat, rough grasslands, etc. and maybe addressed by an appropriate funding contribution to the Dorset Biodiversity Project, or equivalent measures on another site*.

Section I: Declaration (N.B. To be filled in by Applicant)

I hereby confirm that the measures set out in this Biodiversity Mitigation Plan will be completed in full.

Applicant Name (Print):

Or Agent Name (Print):

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

*Please refer to the Natural Environment Team web pages on Dorsetforyou.com for further advice on when compensation measures are appropriate.

Section D to G: Biodiversity Mitigation Plan Continuation Sheet

Other Mitigation / Compensation Measures Continued:

Access to site by hedge to allow for movement under to avoid restricting movement to potential spp. on site.

Hedge to be cut on rotation every 2-3 years and follow guidelines set by Natural England.

Placement of bat and bird boxes on site (2 F. bat box & 1 B Bird box) 2 of each hung south-eastly, 2m off ground.

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR BIODIVERSITY MITIGATION PLAN

This is to certify that the Biodiversity Mitigation Plan

From Trish Vaux
dated 25 February 2015
for land at Hine Town Lane, Shillingstone, Dorset DT11 0SN
is approved by the Natural Environment Team

Regulation 9(5) of The Conservation of Habitats & Species Regulations 2010 places a duty on the planning authority, in considering an application for planning permission, to have regard to its effects on European protected species¹. Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006, also places a duty on Local Planning Authorities, to have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of its functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity.

In this case, providing the above Plan, and its implementation in full, is conditioned as part of any grant of planning permission, it is the opinion of the Natural Environment Team of Dorset County Council that the planning authority will have met these duties. In conditioning this Plan, the planning authority is entitled to rely:

Either That the Biodiversity Mitigation Plan avoids the likelihood of deliberate disturbance,
Or That the Biodiversity Mitigation Plan provides sufficient measures likely to remedy any disturbance whereby Natural England, in considering an application for a disturbance licence, would likely be satisfied that the test in Regulation 53(9)(b)² is capable of being met³.

And the Plan is considered to provide reasonable ecological mitigation and enhancement measures to meet the NERC Act 2006 duty.

Should the proposed development change materially prior to application submission to the planning authority, the measures put forward in Biodiversity Mitigation Plan should be reviewed. The Natural Environment Team should be given the opportunity to comment on any revisions to the Plan.

Natural Environment Team
Dorset County Council
County Hall
Colliton Park
Dorchester
Dorset DT1 1XJ

Signed

Date

4 March 2015

THIS APPROVAL IS VALID FOR 3 YEARS FROM ISSUE DATE

¹ European Protected Species include the following terrestrial species: all bat species, Great Crested Newt, Sand Lizard, Smooth Snake, Dormouse and Otter. Under Regulation 41(1) a person who deliberately captures, injures or kills, or deliberately disturbs these wild animals, or takes or destroys the eggs, or damages or destroys a breeding site or resting place is guilty of an offence.

² Habitats Regulations, 2010, Regulation 53(9)(b) 'The relevant licensing body must not grant a licence under this regulation unless they are satisfied that the action authorised will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.'

³ The issue of this Certificate does not guarantee a licence. It is relevant only for the purposes of consideration of the proposed development by the Local Planning Authority. This Certificate does not in any way prejudice Natural England's decision on whether a licence regarding European Protected Species should be issued to the applicant.