

EXPERTISE

Web-searches for;

- species distributions
- nearby high quality wildlife sites
- site history

Basic ecological surveys and site reviews to fulfil the Buildings Research Establishment Code for Sustainable Homes.

Specialist surveys for species.

Scheduling wildlife mitigation:

1. optimal survey times governed by breeding cycles and hibernation
2. the duration of wildlife mitigation activities
3. licence applications for protected species

Advice on methods for wildlife mitigation for individual species and for site restoration including site rehabilitation.

Failure to consider impacts on wildlife can result in delays, extra expense and, even, prosecution.

UK planning guidance (PPS9) directs nature conservation to be a material consideration in determining planning applications. Surveys are needed to support planning applications. Designs must avoid detrimental effects on biodiversity.

The discovery of a protected species at a site may necessitate changes to plans and mitigation under licence. Approved recommendations need implementation. Ancillary ecological investigations and wildlife mitigation measures can be imposed as planning conditions by the Local Planning Authority or requested by Statutory Nature Conservation Organisations.

Such Salinger Peters is an engineering consultancy providing a comprehensive range of professional services including specialist advice and solutions for biodiversity issues.

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WILDLIFE MITIGATION IN DEVELOPMENT

SSP provides ecological advice for wildlife mitigation underpinning development projects.

Services include:

- Interpretation of legislation
- Basic ecological assessments
- Identification of key issues
- Dealing with site specific wildlife
- Reports for planning applications
- Liaison with stakeholders
- Delivering ecological credits for the Code for Sustainable Homes
- Approved Method Statements
- Supervision of mitigation works

Complex wildlife legislation affects planning and development. SSP has developed a reliable, informed support system for clients to fulfil guidelines, observing best practice for wildlife mitigation during development.

WHY?

The UK is committed to conserving biodiversity. Many species are protected by law. Planning Policy Statement 9 (PPS9), 2005 - Office of the Deputy Prime Minister directs planners to promote opportunities to restore and add to the wildlife value of a site. Planning applications need to be submitted with biodiversity surveys. Advice on how to maintain and enhance wildlife habitats is derived from the content of biodiversity assessments. Specialist advice is needed for protected plants and animals. Wildlife licences may be required for works.

Wildlife mitigation and ecological compensation is now an essential element in development projects.

Site characteristics and issues to assess during the planning process:

- Local context of site
- Wildlife habitat within site
- Protected species
- Seasonal constraints

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Ibbly has over 20 years experience in ecological surveys, habitat management and restoration research. She also has experience in project management and a good knowledge of current UK wildlife legislation.

SSP provides an effective service to deal with biodiversity issues for planning and development including:

- liaison with council planning departments and Natural England as well as specialist organisations such as Local Badger Groups and the Wildlife Trusts
- formulation of methodology for wildlife mitigation following best practice
- the integration of ecological procedures into projects preventing unforeseen costs and delays

Ecological Surveys

Species Advice

Wildlife Mitigation

Method Statements

SITE REHABILITATION

Restoration goes beyond landscaping to combine pleasant surroundings with natural habitat boosting populations of native species. Best practice in ecology allows wildlife to co-exist with development needs for society today. SSP advocates a holistic approach; caring for the existing wildlife on sites and improving the opportunities for wildlife in the future.

An evaluation of a site combined with reference to nearby sites of high conservation value as well as the history of the site gives targets for the wildlife protection and mitigation. A well-informed method statement with a user-friendly summary is the tool for best practice.

Method Statements guide projects to operate within the law and enhance the value of wildlife by:

- conforming to Planning Policy, particularly PPS9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation 2005
- providing advice customised by site from pre-planning through development, integrating planning obligations and conditions, to long-term site management