

Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) Greener Resources

SPG 8g Ecological Impact Assessments

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In assessing ecological impact issues the Council will have particular regard to the following: adopted Haringey Unitary Development Plan (1998) Policies OP 4.1- 4.3 (inclusive), Haringey UDP First Deposit Consultation (2003) Policies UD10 and OS5, SPG8h and this supplementary guidance.
- 1.2. Supplementary guidance is provided below regarding the following:
 - Haringey Draft Biodiversity Action Plan
 - Ecological impact assessment

2. HARINGEY DRAFT BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

- 2.1. Haringey Biodiversity Action Group has produced a Draft Biodiversity Action Plan (2002) that sets out the aims of the borough in terms of preserving and enhancing the quality of quantity of flora and fauna within the borough. The Council will have regard to this Draft Plan in making an assessment on any application where it is considered that there is likely to be an impact on ecology whether that ecology is on the development site itself, or on an adjacent site upon which there might be some impact.
- 2.2. Haringey has a number of protected species and habitats and the protection of these will form part of the assessment of any application where there is likely to be an impact upon them. In making this assessment regard will be had to the provisions of the Draft Biodiversity Action Plan.

3. ECOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

- 3.1. Where it is considered appropriate or where it is required as part of legislation, the Council will request that the applicant submits an ecological Impact Assessment as part of any planning application. This Ecological Impact Assessment may be subjected to an independent assessment as part of the Council's consideration of its comments.
- 3.2. The Council will expect all planning applications affecting sites of existing or potential nature conservation value to be accompanied by a statement which clearly demonstrates the ecological impact that the proposed development would have. Where there is a risk of harm to a designated site, use of conditions of planning obligations will be considered.

3.3. The following list provides examples (not exhaustive) of instances where there is likely to be an impact on ecology and where the Council might request an ecological impact assessment.

- Temporary offices and compounds;
- Demolition operations;
- Storage areas for construction materials;
- Temporary access routes for construction vehicles - both on and offsite;
- Vegetation clearance;
- Top soil and sub-soil removal;
- Ground and excavation works;
- Routing of services and utilities (e.g. underground power lines, water supply and drainage);
- Assembly areas for components of construction;
- Structural works for building and engineering;
- Construction of structures and hard surfaces;
- Environmental incidents and accidents (e.g. spillages, noise and emissions);
- Removal of site offices / compounds and final site clear away after construction;
- Lighting.

3.4. There is a statutory requirement for an ecological impact assessment in certain instances and these are outlined in the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 regulations. (See also SPG 8h: Environmental Impact Assessments).

This SPG has been consulted on as part of the Haringey UDP First Deposit Consultation. As such, it is a material consideration in determining planning applications.