



Ecology

Services Capability Statement



Our team of experienced ecologists are members of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) and the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM). We are licence holders for Bats, Hazel Dormouse, Great Crested Newts and bird ringing.

We help developers, local authorities and other public bodies identify and understand the impact of development on the natural environment. We devise and implement strategies and solutions to avoid, mitigate or compensate for any identified impacts.

We have extensive experience of advising local authorities on the complex relationship between ecology and the planning process, and believe biodiversity can have a positive influence on new development. We are therefore uniquely qualified to guide local authorities and developers through what can be a challenging set of constraints, to the standards required by the planning system.

We work closely with the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre, and for work outside Hampshire we can access and analyse data from other biological records centres on your behalf.

Key Clients and work

We currently provide core ecological advice to the planning departments of:

East Hampshire District Council, Hart District Council, Test Valley Borough Council, Havant Borough Council, Fareham Borough Council, West Sussex County Council, Isle of Wight Council and Portsmouth City Council as well as the South Downs National Park Authority.

We are also working with:

Hampshire County Council's Property Services - carrying out surveys and application of EPSM bat licenses for demolition/rebuild projects, and pre-development assessment for potential land disposal.

Hampshire County Council Highways – Stubbington By-pass and Bordon Relief road

Historic England – badger surveying and sett closure

Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership - Portsea and Portchester CFERM coastal improvements

We can assist you with:

- Desktop ecological assessment and data searches (protected/notable species, site designations, priority habitats and existing habitat survey reports)
- Preliminary ecological appraisal (PEA), and extended Phase 1 and 2 surveys, including botanical and protected species surveys - including European protected species
- Evaluation of ecological features, identification and assessment of constraints, impacts and areas for avoidance, from minor development through to full EIA/HRA
- Advice and design of mitigation and possible enhancements/opportunities - including contributing to green infrastructure/ecological networks
- Legislation and planning advice for developers and LPA, from pre-app/early stage advice , through detailed commentary on submitted applications to advice and guidance on strategic documents, including potential site allocations
- Independent “second opinion” advice on complex ecological issues for LPA or Planning Agents and ‘critical friend’ role

For further details, please contact:

Megan Owen, Lead Ecologist

Hampshire County Council, Economy
Transport and Environment
Elizabeth II Court West
The Castle
Winchester
SO23 8UD

Telephone: 01962 832317
Email: ecology.group@hants.gov.uk

Visit our website: www.hants.gov.uk/landscape-and-heritage/biodiversity.htm

Hampshire Services from Hampshire County Council offers a range of professional services, including environment and planning, transport and engineering, research and intelligence, economic development, legal, information technology and schools.

