

## DERC enquiry form for consultants

Please complete this form and save it to your desktop. Completed forms can be emailed or posted to DERC.



Your name:		Date:	
<b>Company:</b>			
Address:			
Email:		Telephone number:	

<b>Reason for the request</b> (please tick or mark "Y" against all that apply):				
Biodiversity Mitigation Plan		Single property development		Single wind turbine
EIA		Small development (1-10 units)		Solar farm
EPS licence		Medium development (10-50 units)		Wind farm
Research/conservation project		Large development (over 50 units)		Management plan
or Other (please give details):				

<b>Site name:</b>			
<b>Location</b> (nearest town):		<b>Grid reference:</b>	

Please tick or mark "Y" against all data requirements:

		Property only	1 km radius	2 km radius	5 km radius
<b>Standard species data</b>					n/a
Single species/EPS (give details below)					
Bat data only					
<b>Sites map</b>	Map showing <b>Local sites</b>				
	Map showing <b>National sites</b>				
	Map showing <b>International sites</b>				
<b>Habitat map</b>	Map showing Priority Habitat data				
<b>Marine</b>	<b>Species or Habitats</b>				
<b>Other information:</b>					

Once we have received this form we will contact you with a quote for the work. We can usually provide data within 10 working days of agreeing the data to be provided and costs. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Planning and Biodiversity in Dorset

You can find out more about biodiversity and planning in Dorset on the [Dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com) website. In order to comply with all relevant government legislation on biodiversity a Biodiversity Appraisal scheme has been set up for the county. This link (<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/biodiversity>) provides further links to the Biodiversity Appraisal Scheme, Biodiversity Mitigation Plan (**BMP**), advice notes and guidance sheets.

The British Standard (BS42020) released in 2013 also provides guidance on what information consultants should request from a Local Environmental Records Centre (LERC), i.e. species and habitat information to inform desk studies and future fieldwork and assessment (6.4.2). Consultants are not expected to include long, un-interpreted species lists from LERCs in their reports, only the main findings and conclusions.

BS42020 goes further in encouraging survey data to be made available to LERCs at the time that the ecological report enters the public realm unless there is an explicit contractual restriction on such data release (6.4.7). Currently DERC extract data from ecological reports submitted to DCC with a Biodiversity Mitigation Plan. If you would rather compile and submit your own records please let DERC know. You can submit your records via Living Record or as an Excel spreadsheet (see example format on our website). If you require any further advice on how to submit your data, please contact the Records Centre Manager.

For those protected species which require a licence, the licensee is required to submit records collected under the terms of the licence to the LERC. Please email directly to [derc@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:derc@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

### Type of information required

For most Biodiversity Mitigation Plans a consultant is expected to request data within a 1 km or 2 km search radius depending upon the size of the development. A property search is only appropriate for minor alterations to a single property. A larger search radius may be required for a larger development or EIA.

A standard species request includes post-2004 records for rare, threatened or protected species plus species with a Biodiversity Action Plan or statement in the vicinity of your chosen area. Invasive species & species with a Dorset Notable status will be included. Records are provided in an Excel spreadsheet.

We can provide pdf maps showing site boundaries. We provide separate maps for:

**International conservation sites:** Ramsar, SPA, SAC & the World Heritage Site.

**Nationally designated sites:** Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Ancient Woodland, National Nature Reserves, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, RSPB and Butterfly Conservation Reserves.

**Local sites:** Sites of Nature Conservation Interest (County Wildlife Sites), Local Geological Sites, Local Nature Reserves, Dorset Wildlife Trust Reserves, Habitat Restoration Sites and Monitored Conservation Verges. If there is likely to be a direct impact on an SNCI we can provide a site report with site boundary, habitat data, site description and species list.

DERC holds habitat data for most conservation sites (SSSI and SNCI). We can provide pdf habitat maps showing recorded habitat and Priority Habitat.

DERC hosts the Dorset Marine Biodiversity Database and can produce reports on marine species and biotopes.

If your company has an accounts department at a different address, please complete the details below:

<b>Company:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Email:</b>		<b>Telephone number:</b>	