

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:	
Company:			
Address:			
Email:		Telephone number:	
Data requested on behalf of:	Contact:		
	Company:		

Reason for the request (please tick or mark "Y" against all that apply):					
Biodiversity Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single property development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single wind turbine	<input type="checkbox"/>
PEA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small development (1-9 units)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Solar farm	<input type="checkbox"/>
EIA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Large development (10+ units) LEMP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wind farm	<input type="checkbox"/>
EPS licence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Farm or land management plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research/conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:					

Site name:			
Location (nearest town):		Grid reference:	

Data requirement

Either select one of the standard data searches or set your own criteria in the table below.

Standard small development search (set out in Dorset Council guidance)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standard large development search (set out in Dorset Council guidance)	<input type="checkbox"/>

GCN check for the Dorset Council area (not relevant in BCP area) (If the development may affect potential GCN ponds or habitat on site, or within a 500 m of the development boundary, a GCN check is required)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ecological Networks map (recommended for large developments)	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you don't want a standard search please tick or mark "Y" against all data requirements:		Property only	1 km radius	2 km radius	5 km radius	8 km radius
Standard species data						
Single species/EPS (give details below)						
Bat data only						
Annex II bat species						
Sites map	Map showing Local sites					
	Map showing National sites					
	Map showing International sites					

		Property only	1 km radius	2 km radius	5 km radius	8 km radius
Habitat map	Map showing Priority Habitat data					
Marine	Species or Habitats					
Any other notes or queries:						

Once we have received this form, we will contact you with a quote for the work. We can usually provide data within 5 working days of agreeing the data to be provided and costs. We look forward to hearing from you.

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

Company:			
Address:			
Email:		Telephone number:	

Planning and Biodiversity in Dorset

You can find out more about biodiversity and planning in Dorset on the Dorset Council website. In order to comply with all relevant government legislation on biodiversity a Biodiversity Appraisal scheme has been set up for the county to cover the Dorset Council area. This link:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/countryside-coast-parks/countryside-management/biodiversity/the-dorset-biodiversity-appraisal-protocol.aspx>

provides further links to the Biodiversity Appraisal Scheme, Biodiversity Plan (**BP**), advice notes and guidance sheets. See Section 8 and Table 1 in the General Guidance list search parameters.

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. More recently *Guidelines for Accessing and Using Biodiversity Data* were published by CIEEM (2020).

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 Dorset Council with a BP. 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@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Type of information required

For most Biodiversity 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-2010 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 and species with a Dorset Notable status will be included. Records are provided in an Excel spreadsheet.

GCN check includes:

- A check against NE maps to determine the GCN DLL risk zone/zones. This may help you decide the potential impact of the development on GCN. Depending upon the nature of the development a licence may be required, either
 - under the Dorset Council District Licence Scheme
 - or a mitigation licence from Natural England
- Results of GCN surveys within 500 m of the site
- Note the Dorset Council DLL only covers the Dorset Council area (not BCP area)

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

International conservation sites: Natura 2000 sites (SPA, SAC) plus Ramsar & 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, Local Community 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 usually provide a site report.

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

DERC can provide survey reports for **Sites of Nature Conservation Interest** (Dorset county wildlife sites). Most reports are based on the most recent SNCI survey and will include a description of the site, full species list and map showing site boundary and habitat data.

The **Dorset Marine Biodiversity Database** is managed by Dorset Wildlife Trust and we will contact DWT for reports on marine species and biotopes. It may take a little longer to provide marine data.

An **Ecological Networks** map is recommended for larger developments. For small or medium applications a check against the networks on Dorset Explorer is sufficient.

Dorset Explorer is an online resource which includes a lot of data specific to Dorset. You can use DE to check:

- Is the site within the Bryanston SSSI consultation zone, if so you may require an Annex II bat search
- Ecological Network maps
- Dorset AONB Landscape Character Assessments

Note: Maps from Dorset Explorer cannot be included with a planning application.