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Initial Ecological Assessments & Preliminary Roost Inspections

An Initial Ecological Assessment (IEA) and/or Preliminary Roost Inspection (PRI) is a 'walkover' survey to assess the suitability of the site for Protected Species.

During the survey we will determine:

1. Are Protected Species present/is there potential for Protected Species to be present within the site?
2. Could Protected Species be impacted by the proposed works?



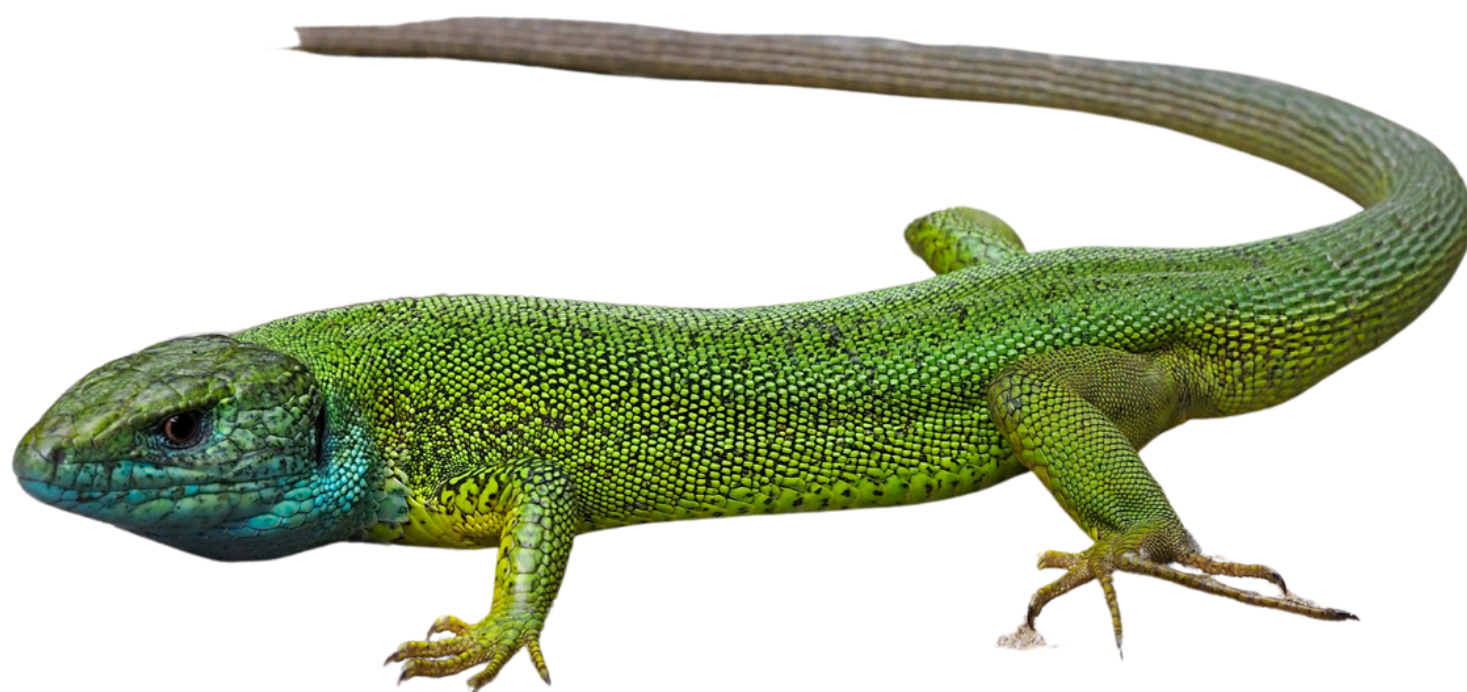
Further survey recommended

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No further survey recommended

The IEA/PRI report will be provided, which will justify why no further survey work is required, in line with regulation.



Further Protected Species Surveys

If the IEA/PRI report recommends further species-specific survey work in line with regulation, this will need to be undertaken at the correct time of year. This work is to inform us of the species, population, use and distribution of protected wildlife on site.

Once further survey work has been completed:

1. Have Protected Species been found on site during the further surveys?
2. Will they be affected by the development works and how?



No Species Protection Plan required

A report detailing the results of the further survey work will be provided to show that sufficient survey effort has been undertaken to show likely absence of protected wildlife.



Species Protection Plan required

See next page.



Further surveys can only be carried out between certain months, when the suspected Protected Species will be active. Speaking to us early in your project could be vital in avoiding unnecessary delays.

Species Protection Plans



If Protected Species are found on your site, the further surveys will inform the type and extent of the Species Protection Plan (SPP) and mitigation required.

Once the SPP has been approved by the Planning Department, the advised mitigation will need to be implemented within the project, normally as a Planning Condition. A Licence or letter from the Department of the Environment may also be sought, if required, to allow work to continue in line with regulation.

Upon completion of works, the mitigation measures detailed in the SPP to safeguard Protected Species will need to be 'signed off' by a qualified Ecologist and a brief report sent to Planning to confirm implementation.

There may be some timing restrictions on when works can be carried out depending on the protected species present and/or type of nest/roost/habitat.

STEP ONE

Initial Ecological Assessments & Preliminary Roost Inspections

These are baseline ecological surveys to demonstrate that protected wildlife has been considered as part of your Planning Application. Usually the first step and can take place year-round.



STEP TWO

Further Protected Species Surveys

Detailed surveys may be required if the IEA/PRI finds evidence of such species, or if the site is found to have high suitability for such species. We can undertake targeted ecological surveys for all protected species groups and habitats that require further investigation. Species must be active during the surveys, so timings throughout the year are optimal/sub-optimal and they will vary dependent on species. Consult with us early to avoid any unnecessary delays to your project.



STEP THREE

Species Protection Plans

Following the surveys detailed above, this report can be provided at any time of year. Mitigation measures may need to be implemented at certain times of year, dependent on the species present on site.





Tell us about your project...

The more information we have about your project the easier it will be to answer any and all of your questions regarding price and availability. Arrange for us to meet you on site and discuss your requirements, for a no obligation quote and discussion.



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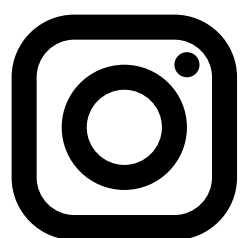
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