

APPENDIX 10.2 CIEEM Guidance on EclA Elements

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Scoping	1. Where pre-application advice has been received from the Local Planning Authority and/or an NGO and/or statutory body (e.g. NRW), it has been fully accounted for in the EclA.	Appendix 5.2
	2. The scope, structure and content of the EclA is in accordance with published good practice.	Section 10.2.4
Surveys, Sites, Species and Habitats	3. Adequate and up-to-date: a. Desk study has been undertaken. b. Phase 1 habitat survey (or equivalent) has been undertaken.	a = Section 10.3.9 b = Section 10.3.8
	4. All statutory and non-statutory sites likely to be significantly affected are clearly and correctly identified.	Section 10.4.1 and Appendix 10.3
	5. All protected or priority species and priority habitats likely to be significantly affected are clearly and correctly identified, and adequate surveys have been undertaken to inform the baseline.	Section 10.4
	6. Any invasive non-native plant species present are clearly and correctly identified.	Section 10.4.24 and Appendix 10.3
	7. Where a separate PEA Report states that Phase 2 ecology surveys are required, these have been undertaken in full and results submitted with the application (or lack of such surveys is justified).	10.4.15 and waiting to hear back from Matthew Harris.
Impacts and effects	8. The assessment is based on clearly defined development proposals along with relevant drawings/plans (and any plans used are the same version number as those submitted with the application) or; 9. The residual ecological effects are considered to be not significant at any geographical scale irrespective of the detailed development proposals, and the assessment is based on a worst-case-scenario.	Plans appended to chapters 1 – 3.
	10. The report describes and assesses all likely significant ecological effects (including cumulative effects) clearly stating the geographical scale of significance (where relevant).	Sections 10.6 & 10.7
Mitigation, Compensation and Enhancement	11. The mitigation hierarchy has been clearly followed.	10.6
	12. The report: a. Clearly identifies the proposed mitigation and compensation measures, and explains how these will adequately address all likely significant adverse effects b. Includes, where necessary, proposals for post-construction monitoring	a = Section 10.6 b = Section 10.6.6 c = Section 10.6.10

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	c. Recommends how proposed measures may be secured through planning conditions/obligations and/or necessary licences.	
	13. A summary table of proposed mitigation and compensation measures has been provided.	Table 10.7
	14. The need for any mitigation licences required in relation to protected species is clearly identified.	Section 10.6.10
	15. Proposals to deliver ecological enhancement/Biodiversity Net Gain have been provided.	These will be provided during the hybrid planning application.
Competence / Good Practise	16. Limitations of the ecological work have been correctly identified and the implications explained.	Section 10.4.30 to 10.4.35
	17. All relevant key timing issues (e.g. site vegetation clearance or roof removal) that may constrain or adversely affect the proposed timing of development have been identified.	Section 10.6
	18. All ecological work and surveys accord with published good practice methods and guidelines OR deviation from such guidelines is made clear and fully justified, and the implications for subsequent conclusions and recommendations made explicit in the report	Section 10.2.4
	19. All ecologists and surveyors hold appropriate species licences (where relevant) and/or have all necessary competencies to carry out the work undertaken.	Sections 10.3.8 & 10.3.13
Conclusions	20. The report provides a clear summary of losses and gains for biodiversity, and a justified conclusion of an overall net gain for biodiversity.	This will be provided with the BNG during the hybrid planning application.
	21. Justifiable conclusions based on sound professional judgement have been drawn as to the significance of effects on any designated site, protected or priority habitat/species or other ecological feature, and a justified scale of significance has been stated.	Section 10.9