

**For Local Authorities – advice and support for biodiversity / planning issues**

“Biodiversity and Planning in Oxfordshire” is the key guidance for local authorities on biodiversity and planning issues. Biodiversity & Planning in Oxfordshire was produced in 2009 by BBOWT (Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust), Oxfordshire County Council, and TVERC (Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre). It can be downloaded from the [Oxfordshire County Council website](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/naturalenvironment) or if this link does not work go to <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/naturalenvironment> and click on ‘Biodiversity in Oxfordshire’.

Organisation	Area	Website
Association of Local Government Ecologists – ALGE	Represents professional ecologists working in local government in the UK. Supports and develops the nature conservation work of local authorities. Publications and guidance on a wide variety of planning issues.	<a href="http://www.alge.org.uk">www.alge.org.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.alge.org.uk/publications/index.php">http://www.alge.org.uk/publications/index.php</a>
Biodiversity Action Plan – BAP	Oxfordshire Biodiversity Action Plan UK Biodiversity Action Plan	<a href="http://www.oncf.org.uk/biodiversity/biodiversity.html">http://www.oncf.org.uk/biodiversity/biodiversity.html</a> <a href="http://www.ukbap.org.uk">www.ukbap.org.uk</a>
BSI and ALGE	Produced guidance on biodiversity and conservation standards for planning in the UK- PAS2010: Planning to Halt the Loss of Biodiversity	<a href="http://www.ukgbc.org/site/document/download/?document_id=590">www.ukgbc.org/site/document/download/?document_id=590</a>
BBOWT	A range of documents that can be downloaded including: Guidance on the implications of the NERC Act 2006 for local authorities and for parish councils, and a Water Vole Guide for Planners and Developers	<a href="http://www.bbowl.org.uk">www.bbowl.org.uk</a> For advice on planning issues follow the links: Advice > Planning Issues > Planning and development sector or try: <a href="http://www.bbowl.org.uk/content.asp?did=25897">http://www.bbowl.org.uk/content.asp?did=25897</a>
CABE – Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment	Published Making Contracts for Wildlife to assist those involved in managing parks and green spaces	<a href="http://www.cabe.org.uk">www.cabe.org.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.cabe.org.uk/publications/making-contracts-work-for-wildlife">www.cabe.org.uk/publications/making-contracts-work-for-wildlife</a>
Conservation Target Areas (CTAs)	Oxfordshire uses this approach to deliver its Biodiversity Action Plan. More information can be found on the Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum website.	<a href="http://www.oncf.org.uk/biodiversity/cta.html">http://www.oncf.org.uk/biodiversity/cta.html</a>
DEFRA	Published “Guidance for Local Authorities on Implementing the Biodiversity Duty” PB12584 Other support on implementing the NERC duty available at:	<a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/biodiversity/documents/la-guid-english.pdf">http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/biodiversity/documents/la-guid-english.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/biodiversity/ebs/public.htm">http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/biodiversity/ebs/public.htm</a>

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JNCC	Published "UK Biodiversity Indicators in your Pocket 2010"	<a href="http://www.jncc.gov.uk/pdf/BIYP_2010.pdf">http://www.jncc.gov.uk/pdf/BIYP_2010.pdf</a>
LGA – Local Government Association	Exists to promote better local government. The website includes an Environmental Advisory Service: Your LGA > Environment > Environmental Advisory Service. Note this is only accessible to LGA member councils.	<a href="http://www.lga.gov.uk">www.lga.gov.uk</a>
Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum	Can provide information about: Oxfordshire Biodiversity Action Plan Conservation Target Areas, and BAP priority habitats and species.	<a href="http://www.oncf.org.uk/biodiversity/biodiversity.html">http://www.oncf.org.uk/biodiversity/biodiversity.html</a> <a href="http://www.oncf.org.uk/biodiversity/cta.html">http://www.oncf.org.uk/biodiversity/cta.html</a> <a href="http://www.oncf.org.uk/biodiversity/habitats.html">http://www.oncf.org.uk/biodiversity/habitats.html</a>
Oxfordshire County Council	Provide advice on landscape and biodiversity issues, particularly in relation to minerals and waste planning, strategic housing sites, planning policy and protected species.	<a href="http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/naturalenvironment">www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/naturalenvironment</a> <a href="http://owls.oxfordshire.gov.uk">http://owls.oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>
SEEBF- South East England Biodiversity Forum	SEEBF champions biodiversity with national, regional and local organisations.  The South East Biodiversity Strategy website is at:  It includes information specific to local authorities:	<a href="http://www.sebiodiversity.org.uk/">http://www.sebiodiversity.org.uk/</a>  <a href="http://strategy.sebiodiversity.org.uk/">http://strategy.sebiodiversity.org.uk/</a>  <a href="http://strategy.sebiodiversity.org.uk/pages/a-local-authority.html">http://strategy.sebiodiversity.org.uk/pages/a-local-authority.html</a>
SODC –South Oxfordshire District Council	Appendix A of the South Oxfordshire Design Guide can be downloaded from their website and provides a useful resource on planning, biodiversity and design for biodiversity. It is downloadable from:	<a href="http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/content/leisure/countryside/ecology-and-biodiversity-advice-for-developers.en">http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/content/leisure/countryside/ecology-and-biodiversity-advice-for-developers.en</a>
Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre	Data management services relating to sites, habitats and land uses, and species in Oxfordshire, including site surveys and the maintenance of authoritative lists of Local Wildlife Sites	<a href="http://www.tverc.org/">http://www.tverc.org/</a> . Search Local Wildlife Sites and TVERC Projects