

TABLE 2

**Local Requirements for Designated Sites and Priority Habitats
Criteria for When a Survey and Assessment are Required**

1. DESIGNATED SITES	
Internationally designated sites	Special Protection Area (SPA) Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Ramsar Site
Nationally designated sites	Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) National Nature Reserve (NNR)
Regionally and locally designated sites	Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI) Local Nature Reserve (LNR)
2. PRIORITY HABITATS (Habitats of Principal Importance for Biodiversity under S.41 of the NERC Act 2006)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ancient and/or species-rich hedgerows▪ Coastal saltmarsh, sand dunes, vegetated shingle and inshore sands, muds and gravels, saline lagoons▪ Floodplain grazing marsh▪ Fen, marsh, swamp and reedbeds▪ Purple moor grass and rush pastures▪ Lowland beech and yew woodland▪ Lowland calcareous grassland (e.g. species-rich chalk and limestone grasslands)▪ Lowland heathland and/or dry acid grassland▪ Lowland meadows (e.g. species-rich flower meadows)▪ Lowland mixed deciduous woodland (ancient woodland)▪ Lowland raised bog or Upland blanket bog▪ Lowland wood-pasture and parkland▪ Maritime cliffs and slopes and littoral and sub-littoral rock outcrops▪ Native pine woodlands or Upland woodlands (e.g. mixed ashwoods, oakwoods, and birchwoods)▪ Rivers and streams (e.g. chalk streams)▪ Standing open water and canals (e.g. lakes, reservoirs, ponds, aquifer fed fluctuating water bodies)▪ Upland calcareous grassland and upland hay meadows▪ Upland heathland▪ Wet woodland	
3. OTHER BIODIVERSITY FEATURES (as identified by the Local Biodiversity Partnership - see paragraph 84 ODPM Circular 06/2005))	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Secondary Woodland and Mature/Veteran Trees▪ Caves and disused tunnels and mines (e.g. roosts for bats)▪ Trees and scrub used for nesting by breeding birds▪ Previously developed land with biodiversity interest▪ Urban green space (e.g. parks, allotments, flower-rich road verges and railway embankments)▪ Other habitats and features identified in the Local Biodiversity Action Plan	

Exceptions When a Full Survey and Assessment May Not Be Required

International and National Sites: A survey and assessment will not be required where the applicant is able to provide copies of pre-application correspondence with Natural England, where the latter confirms in writing that they are satisfied that the proposed development will not affect any statutory sites designated for their national or international importance.

Regional and Local Sites and Priority Habitats: A survey and assessment will not be required where the applicant is able to provide copies of pre-application correspondence with the Local Planning Authority's ecologist that they are satisfied that the proposed development will not affect any regional or local sites designated for their local nature conservation importance or any other priority habitats or listed features.