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(ECO3) Protection of Ecological Features _



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Technical Guide November 2010 Criteria

- 1 available credits
- Credits worth 1.33% points each
- Mandatory Element: No

Aim: To promote the protection of existing ecological features from substantial damage during the clearing of the site and the completion of construction works.

Assessment Criteria:

Criteria

Where all existing features of ecological value on the *development site* potentially affected the works are maintained and adequately protected during site clearance, preparation and construction works.

Default Cases

The credit can be awarded by default where the site has been classified as having *low ecological value* in accordance with Section 1 of Checklist Eco 1, *Ecological features of the* AND no features of ecological value have been identified.

If a *suitably qualified ecologist* has confirmed a feature can be removed because of its insignificant ecological value or where an arboriculturalist has confirmed a feature can be removed owing to poor health/condition (e.g. diseased trees which require felling for health and safety and/or conservation reasons), the credit can be achieved provided all other features are adequately protected in accordance with the ecologist's recommendations.

Technical Guide May 2009 Criteria

- 1 available credits
- Credits worth 1.33% points each
- Mandatory Element: No

Aim: To protect existing ecological features from substantial damage during the clearing of the site and the completion of construction works.

Assessment Criteria: Where there is a commitment to maintain and adequately protect features of ecological value during site preparation and construction works in accordance with the following criteria:

Criteria
Where all existing features of ecological value on the development site potentially affected by the works, are maintained and adequately protected during site clearance, preparation and construction works.
Default Cases The credit can be awarded by default where the site has been classified as having <i>low ecological value</i> in accordance with <i>Section 1 of Checklist Eco 1, Ecological features of the site</i> AND no features of ecological value have been identified. If a Suitably Qualified Ecologist has confirmed a feature can be removed due to insignificant ecological value or where an arboriculturalist has confirmed a feature can be removed due to poor health/condition (e.g. diseased trees which require felling, either for health and safety and/or conservation reasons), the credit can be achieved provided all other features are adequately protected in accordance with the ecologist's recommendations.



References for ECO3

[Pollution Prevention Guideline \(PPG05\): Works in, near, or liable to effect watercourses](#)

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Additional information

[Environmental good practice on site \(CIRIA C502\)](#) [Environmental good practice “ Working on site \(CIRIA C503\)](#) [Working with wildlife site guide \(CIRIA C567\) 2005](#)

[RSPB Good Practice Guide for Prospective Developments](#)

[The Local Biodiversity Action Plan](#)

[Pollution Prevention Guideline \(PPG06\): Working at construction and demolition sites](#)



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