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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.
<b>Default Cases</b> 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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