

Dealing with Priority species in the Planning Process

Pre-application preparation

Step 1

Applicant needs to:
Consider Priority species
when developing

proposals

Check what the local authority requires as part of the application (Biodiversity validation list)

Step 2

Identify Priority habitats present (Phase 1 survey necessary unless this information is available)

Step 3

Identify Priority species likely to be present using Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service (SBIS) Priority species Gateway (www.suffolkbis.org.uk/ biodiversity/speciesandhabitats/ gateway)

Step 4

Contact SBIS for datasearch to inform ecology survey & assessment.

NB Data search must not be published with application.

Step 5

Seek ecological advice.

NB. Consultants should submit
all raw ecological data to SBIS.

