## **ECOLOGY**

Ecological issues affect almost all land uses in the UK. Development and industrial sectors can be significantly constrained by such issues if they are not properly addressed. Using in-house expertise and highly specialist associates, Phlorum provides the full range of pragmatic solutions for different types of development project and ecological issues:

- Ecological assessments
- Desk studies (Phase 1, ecological risk audit)
- Provision of ecological clerk of works
- Protected species surveys
- Mitigation and enhancements
- Environmental statements

European Directives and UK legislation increasingly strengthen the protection of certain species and habitats in the UK. There is also greater pressure from the planning process for developers to carry out detailed ecological surveys at an early stage of a project. This is particularly important for projects which might impact upon European Protected Species (EPSs), eg bats (all species), water voles and the great crested newt.

Depending on the project, ecological work can include assessments that focus on some, or all, of the following:

- Amphibians
- Badgers
- Bats
- Birds
- Reptiles
- Water voles
- Otters
- Vegetation
- Habitat surveys

Phlorum's approach is to provide a package that best suits our clients' needs. All work is carried out under the appropriate licence and in strict agreement with Natural England and/or any other statutory bodies. We pride ourselves as problem solvers and providers of pragmatic advice on all ecological issues.



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