



## Community toolkit: Policy and legislation to protect wildlife (England)

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Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994	All	European Law	European level law that offers protection to certain species and designated sites (e.g. Special Area of Conservation). The 1994 legislation transposes the EC Habitats Directive into English and Welsh law. Recent changes to the Directive are consolidated by the 2010 regulations. Buglife guide provides a list of species protected under this legislation.	<a href="#">Buglife legislation guide</a>
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)	All	National Law	National law that offers protection to certain species and designated sites (e.g. Site of Special Scientific Interest). Buglife guidance provides a list of legally protected species.	<a href="#">Buglife legislation guide</a>
Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006	Section 40 and 41	National Law	Requires all public bodies to have regard for biodiversity and requires a lists of habitats and species that are of conservation concern to be published.	<a href="#">Buglife legislation guide</a>
Town and Country Planning (EIA) Regulations 2011 and Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999	Schedule 1 and 2 useful for identifying types of development requiring EIA	European Law	These regulations translate the EU Environmental Impact Assessment directive into English and Welsh law. They require certain public and private projects to have a full Environmental Impact Assessment. The regulations only apply to certain types of development and/or projects. The 2011 regulations consolidate changes to the EU directive.	<a href="#">Planning Practice Guidance - EIA</a>
National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012)	Paragraph 118, paragraph 17 (brownfield protection)	National Policy	National planning policy which includes a section for the natural environment. This guides local planning decisions.	<a href="#">NPPE</a>

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National Planning Practice Guidance (March 2014)	Paragraphs 7-24 (24 brownfield)	National Guidance	Guidance on implementing the NPPF and its natural environment policies. Useful section on assessing the wildlife value of brownfield land in advance of planning decisions.	<a href="#">Planning Practice Guidance</a>
Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's Wildlife and Ecosystem Services	All	National Policy	Biodiversity strategy detailing how England will meet its European commitments to look after wildlife.	<a href="#">Biodiversity 2020</a>
BS42020: 2013 – Biodiversity. A Code of Practice for Biodiversity in Planning and Development	All	UK Wide	This British Standard seeks to promote transparency and consistency in the quality and appropriateness of ecological information submitted with planning applications and applications for other regulatory approvals. Excellent overview of the planning application process and how biodiversity should be addressed through it.	<a href="#">BS42020</a>
National Pollinator Strategy	All	National Policy	Strategy to protect pollinating insects which support our food production and the diversity of our environment.	<a href="#">National Pollinator Strategy</a>
Local Plans	Varies	Local Policy	The Local Plan for an area sets the rules for how the area will develop over time. The Local Plan, along with any neighbourhood plans, forms the overall development plan for the local area. Planning decisions must normally be taken in accordance with the development plan. This is the local delivery of NPPF policies and strategy.	<a href="#">England Guidance</a>

