

OP27 – Operations on Sites with Protected Species

What is this?

The purpose of this document is to outline the procedures for ensuring that all operational activities do not disturb protected species.

What does the responsible manager need to do?

The responsible manager must ensure that:

- Any conditions in the planning permission, waste management licence/permit regarding protected species are adhered to
 - A survey has been undertaken by an ecological consultant to identify any protected species which occupy habitats within or around each site, such surveys may be repeated periodically
 - Appropriate measures are implemented to prevent/minimise disturbance to such wildlife, as advised by the ecological consultant, and all employees involved with operations in such areas understand these measures
 - If any person reports seeing new species/habitats in use, appropriate steps are taken to minimise any disturbance and confirm the identity of the species
 - Daily inspections are undertaken to ensure that all measures to minimise disturbance are adhered to and that the protected species has not expanded its habitat further into the site
 - If the area(s) the protected species inhabit have changed, works are ceased in those areas whilst the measures are reviewed and adjusted as required, if necessary, with further assistance from the ecological consultant.
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What do employees need to do?

All employees must ensure that:

- They comply with all measures implemented to minimise the disturbance to protected species
 - They report any new instances of areas being used as a habitat by wild animals to the responsible manager promptly.
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Associated documentation

EMS Sections

- Operational Control
- Biodiversity and Ecological Maintenance

Emergency Procedure

- EmP09 – Disturbance of Protected Species

Form

- EF14 – Daily Site Inspection Checklist

