

LC5 - Species Protection

Planning permission will not be granted for development or land use changes which would have an adverse impact on badgers or species protected by Schedules 1, 5 or 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Where development is permitted that may have an effect on those species, conditions or the use of planning agreements will be considered to:

- i) facilitate the survival of individual members of the species; and**
- ii) reduce disturbance to a minimum; and**
- iii) provide adequate alternative habitats to sustain at least the current levels of population.**

12.14 *The EC Habitats and Species Directive 92/43, requires the UK Government to protect certain species in accordance with Articles 12-16. Furthermore PPG9 specifies that the presence of a protected species is a material planning consideration when considering development proposals which would be likely to result in harm to a species or its habitat. Where development is permitted the Council will impose conditions or enter into planning agreements to minimise any adverse impact on such species.*

Habitat Creation

12.15 The area contains a variety of sites of established nature conservation interest which are to be conserved and enhanced to assist in increasing biodiversity. There are however opportunities to create new habitats to

complement existing areas and to contribute to biodiversity.

LC6 - Habitat Creation

Provision will be made for the creation of nature reserves and new wildlife habitats both in rural and urban areas. Where appropriate, in granting planning permission, the creation of such areas will be required for the following types of development:

- i) in association with the reclamation of former mineral workings and waste disposal sites;**
- ii) in association with schemes for derelict land clearance;**
- iii) on land which is no longer required for long term agricultural use. Particular emphasis will be placed on the creation of habitats such as wet and dry heathland, wet woodland and reedbed in keeping with local and national biodiversity targets and provision of habitat for protected species.**

12.16 *National Biodiversity Action Plan targets have been identified for habitat creation to increase biodiversity, and these include targets for heathland and habitats for protected species. Specific sites have already been identified as priority areas for the creation of coversands heath, which forms part of the distinctive local character of parts of North Lincolnshire. Opportunities exist for this and other habitat creation particularly in relation to despoiled land, waste disposal sites and redundant agricultural land.*