

Steeple Renewables Project
Appendix 7.1: Relevant Policy,
Legislation and Other Instruments

BLANK PAGE

Issuing office

3 Brunel House | Hathersage Park | Station Approach | Hathersage | Derbyshire | S32 1DP
 T: 01433 651869 | W: www.bsg-ecology.com | E: info@bsg-ecology.com

Client	Renewable Energy Systems Ltd
Project	Steeple Renewables Project
Version	DRAFT
Project number	P22-761

	Name	Position	Date
Originated	Emily McVean	Senior Ecologist	31 October 2024
Reviewed	Daniel Foster	Principal Ecologist	08 November 2024
Approved for issue to client	Daniel Foster	Principal Ecologist	08 November 2024
Issued to client	Emily McVean	Senior Ecologist	12 November 2024
Updated	Emily McVean	Senior Ecologist	20 November 2024
Issued to client	Emily McVean	Senior Ecologist	22 November 2024

Disclaimer

This report is issued to the client for their sole use and for the intended purpose as stated in the agreement between the client and BSG Ecology under which this work was completed, or else as set out within this report. This report may not be relied upon by any other party without the express written agreement of BSG Ecology. The use of this report by unauthorised third parties is at their own risk and BSG Ecology accepts no duty of care to any such third party.

BSG Ecology has exercised due care in preparing this report. It has not, unless specifically stated, independently verified information provided by others. No other warranty, express or implied, is made in relation to the content of this report and BSG Ecology assumes no liability for any loss resulting from errors, omissions or misrepresentation made by others.

Any recommendation, opinion or finding stated in this report is based on circumstances and facts as they existed at the time that BSG Ecology performed the work. The content of this report has been provided in accordance with the provisions of the CIEEM Code of Professional Conduct. BSG Ecology works where appropriate to the scope of our brief, to the principles and requirements of British Standard BS42020.

Nothing in this report constitutes legal opinion. If legal opinion is required the advice of a qualified legal professional should be secured. Observations relating to the state of built structures or trees have been made from an ecological point of view and, unless stated otherwise, do not constitute structural or arboricultural advice.

Contents

1	Introduction and summary of legislation and policy	2
---	--	---

1 Introduction and summary of legislation and policy

- 1.1 This appendix cites the legislation, policy and related issues that are relevant to ecology, nature conservation, and biodiversity.
- 1.2 The aim of this appendix is to signpost to the legislation, policy and guidance that has been referenced in PEIR Chapter 7: Ecology and Biodiversity and its appendices and provide a link to the resource.

Table 7.1.1: Cited legislation, policy and guidance of relevance to ecology, nature conservation and biodiversity

Title	Link (last accessed 31 October 2024)
National Legislation	
The Environment Act 2021	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/30/contents
Secondary Regulations:	
SI2024 No. 44 (c.4): The Environment Act 2021 (Commencement No. 8 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2024	The Environment Act 2021 (Commencement No. 8 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2024
SI2024 No. 45: The Biodiversity Gain Site Register Regulations 2024	The Biodiversity Gain Site Register Regulations 2024
SI2024 No. 46: The Biodiversity Gain Site Register (Financial Penalties and Fees) Regulations 2024	The Biodiversity Gain Site Register (Financial Penalties and Fees) Regulations 2024
SI2024 No. 47: The Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024	The Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024
SI2024 No. 48: The Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Irreplaceable Habitat) Regulations 2024	The Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Irreplaceable Habitat) Regulations 2024
SI2024 No. 49: The Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024	The Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024
SI2024 No. 50: The Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Modifications and Amendments) (England) Regulations 2024	The Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Modifications and Amendments) (England) Regulations 2024
Town and Country Planning Act 1990	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/8/contents
Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006, Section 41 (S41)	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/16/contents
The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/1012/contents
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69
Protection of Badgers Act 1992	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1992/51/contents
The Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/3/contents
The Animal Welfare Act 2006	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/45/contents
The Eels (England and Wales) Regulations 2009	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/3344/contents
The Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1975/51
Hedgerow Regulations 1997	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1997/1160/contents/made
The Management of Hedgerows (England) Regulations 2024	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2024/9780348260472/regulation/6
Invasive Alien Species (Enforcement and Permitting) Order 2019	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/527/contents

Title	Link (last accessed 31 October 2024)
International/National Policy and Guidance	
Ramsar Convention on Wetlands	https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/current_convention_text_e.pdf
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2024	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2
Energy National Policy Statements (NPSs) 2023: Overarching National Policy Statement for energy (EN-1) National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3) National Policy Statement for electricity networks infrastructure (EN-5)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/overarching-national-policy-statement-for-energy-en-1 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-policy-statement-for-renewable-energy-infrastructure-en-3 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-policy-statement-for-electricity-networks-infrastructure-en-5
The 25 Year Environment Plan	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/25-year-environment-plan
Environmental Improvement Plan 2023	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-improvement-plan
ODPM Circular 06/2005. Government Circular: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation – Statutory Obligations and their Impacts within the Planning System	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/biodiversity-and-geological-conservation-circular-06-2005
Natural England provides Standing Advice	http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/planningdevelopment/spatialplanning/standingadvice/specieslinks.aspx
Guidance document on the strict protection of animal species of Community interest under the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC. (February 2007), EC.	https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/bbc7ace0-27e2-11ec-bd8e-01aa75ed71a1/language-en
Defra (2007) Guidance for Public Authorities on Implementing The Biodiversity Duty	http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/files/pb12585-pa-guid-english-070516.pdf
UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework	JNCC and Defra (on behalf of the Four Countries' Biodiversity Group). 2012. <i>UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework</i> . July 2012. (http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-6189)
BRE (2014) Biodiversity Guidance for Solar Developments. Eds G. E. Parker and L. Greene	https://files.bregroup.com/bre-co-uk-file-library-copy/filelibrary/pdf/Brochures/NSC-Biodiversity-Guidance.pdf
Bennun, L., van Bochove, J., Ng, C., Fletcher, C., Wilson, D., Phair, N., Carbone, G. (2021). Mitigating biodiversity impacts associated with solar and wind energy development: Guidelines for project developers	https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/documents/2021-004-En.pdf
Birds of Conservation Concern (BoCC) 5 th edition (red list and amber list birds)	https://www.bto.org/our-science/publications/birds-conservation-concern/status-our-bird-populations-fifth-birds
Local Policy and Guidance	
Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038	https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/planning-and-building/bassetlaw-local-plan-2020-2038/
Nottinghamshire & Nottingham Local Nature Recovery Strategy	[not yet available]