

RE: Wildlife Surveys - Expiration?

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Good afternoon Samantha,

Apologies for the slight delay in getting back to you.

It is indicated that Place Services recommend that further ecological information should be provided for planning applications if the survey information is older than 18 months, in line with CIEEM Guidance (Advice note on the Lifespan of Ecological Reports and Surveys): <https://cieem.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Advice-Note.pdf>.

However, the extent of the information required will depend on whether mobile species have been previously determined, as well as the view of the consultant ecologist carrying out the further assessment. In most cases, a simple ecological addendum and site walkover will be fine to confirm the validity of the previous ecological assessment. Albeit, all survey information will be considered out of date after period of 3 years and fully updated reports / surveys will be required in most instances.

Hope that helps!

Kind regards,

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Good afternoon,

I hope you are having a good week. I see you are a consultee for Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council on the various solar farms. I was wondering if there are any guidelines regarding wildlife surveys and if they have an expiration date of sorts. For example, if an application is submitted can a wildlife survey be from 2 years ago? Or would a more recent survey need to be completed?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
Samantha Main