

Capability Statement Scope of Services



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Avian Ecology comprises a team of forward thinking ecologists, who provide high quality and commercially aware services. We successful projects by integrating business development natural environment.

We have UK-wide experience and expertise in:

- Protected Species and Habitats surveys
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- **Ecological Appraisal**
- ▶ Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)
- Mitigation and Enhancement Planning
- **Biodiversity Offsetting**
- BREEAM and CfSH
- Planning Support
- Regulator and Stakeholder liaison
- **Due Diligence Assessments**
- **Expert Witness and appeal services**
- Biodiversity / Habitat Management Plans
- **Ecological Clerk of Works**
- Monitoring
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Computer Aided Design (CAD)



The Avian Ecology Approach

All of our services are undertaken by our qualified and experienced team. We are practical ecologists, offering clear advice and a commercially minded approach which is sensitive to the constraints of programme and of budget, without compromising integrity.

Our role is to guide clients through the maze of complex legislation and ever changing policies and guidance. We understand how to successfully navigate the planning system and provide practical advice and solutions which integrate with the wider project constraints. The Avian Ecology team provides legal and policy compliance for any project, without accruing unnecessary costs or delays. We understand and respond to our clients' needs, balancing planning risk with seasonal constraints, and by adopting new methods, policies and guidance as they emerge.

As an ISO registered company, our balanced and clear documentation is robust and delivered to the highest industry standards. We are highly experienced in complex negotiations with regulators and non-statutory organisations, and have built strong and positive relationships with key organisations and decision makers. We provide Expert Witness services when needed, but work hard to ensure issues are resolved at an earlier stage and so help to avoid planning appeals.

We work with the entire client team to deliver practical ecological solutions that are integrated with all aspects of the project design at an early stage. Our Ecological Assessments, Habitat Management Plans and aftercare services are all designed to satisfy regulators, to deliver S106 agreements and enable the discharge of planning conditions, as well as to be readily implemented once construction starts when we remain on hand to provide clear and practical advice.

Avian Ecology offers a comprehensive, clear and efficient service throughout the lifespan of the project.

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Sectors

We make sure we understand our client's business sectors in order to guide them through their ecological obligations for a wide variety of projects, including complex and multi-phase developments as well as nationally significant schemes.

We work directly with developers and planners, or as part of a wider project team and our regularly returning clients come from a broad range of industries. We also provide technical expertise to public sector bodies, including specialist advice for local authorities such as local development plans.

Our sector experience includes:

- Residential and Commercial
- Conventional and Renewable Energy
- Infrastructure
- Minerals and Aggregates
- Utilities
- Local Authorities



Skills & Experience

We deliver successful projects through:

- A pragmatic, innovative and responsive approach, ensuring we meet clients' specific needs;
- Transparent, accountable and legally compliant EcIA;
- Commitment to completing studies within the required timescales to meet client programme requirements;
- ▶ Comprehensive understanding of environmental issues based on years of experience;
- Seamless integration with the wider project team and a clear unerstanding of inter-disciplinary requirements;
- Provision of clear and succinct high quality reports;
- Extensive experience in negotiating with regulators and consultees;
- Provision of continual feedback and clear, solutionfocussed advice;
- Qualified and experienced staff with up-to-date detailed current knowledge of all relevant legislation, best practice guidance and case law;
- The use of highly skilled field-workers across the UK; and,
- Comprehensive project lifetime support, from conception to operation and beyond.

"Savills have worked regularly with Avian Ecology since 2011 on projects including urban regeneration, wind energy, solar development, defence, housing and infrastructure. Avian consistently provides sound advice based on developer objectives and a refreshingly clear approach to planning, often on complex development projects. The Avian team provides clarity in the often ambiguous world of planning" R Frost, Director of Planning, Savills

"...excellent ecology survey and EIA services and Avian always deliver the goods on time, in budget and with the minimum of fuss. They handle Planning Authority negotiations directly and sensitively and have achieved great results on difficult sites". O Saward, Development Manager, REG Windpower

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