

SCHEDULE 2

Requirements

Landscape and ecological management plan

11.—(1) No stage of the authorised development shall commence until a written landscape and ecological management plan reflecting the survey results and ecological mitigation and enhancement measures included in the environmental document, shall after consultation with the Environment Agency, be submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority in relation to that stage.

(2) The landscape and ecological management plan must include a riparian ecology method statement in respect of all watercourses that would be affected by the project. The landscape and ecological management plan must include an implementation timetable and must be carried out as approved, unless otherwise approved in writing by the relevant planning authority.

(3) The riparian ecology method statement must include—

- (a) proposed pre-construction water vole surveys undertaken in an appropriate season and sufficiently in advance of any physical works to enable detailed management measures to be implemented;
- (b) measures to manage vegetation at the location of the works to encourage voles to naturally displace;
- (c) a programme for inspections by an ecologist of the riparian work areas;
- (d) proposed fencing of the work areas to prevent water vole entry during the works;
- (e) measures to control emissions and discharges from the works to minimise the risk of any entry of deleterious materials to watercourses;
- (f) proposed reinstatement of watercourses and riparian vegetation;
- (g) arrangements for reporting the results of surveys, mitigation measures and reinstatement works to Natural England and Environment Agency;
- (h) details of any habitat improvement/creation;
- (i) details of the treatment of site boundaries and/or buffers around water bodies; and
- (j) details of maintenance and monitoring regimes and management responsibilities.