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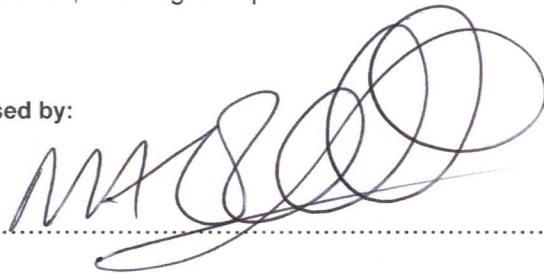
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This Network Rail standard is mandatory and shall be complied with by Network Rail and its contractors if applicable from 26 August 2008.

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Reference documentation

External Document	Town and Country Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 1987
External Document	Town and Countries Amenity Act 1974
External Document	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Part II
External Document	Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1971 / 1990
Connect	Marlin GIS
NR/SP/OHS/006	<i>Management of Contents of the National Hazard directory</i>
Connect	<i>Hazard Directory</i>
Connect	<i>Biodiversity Action Plan</i>
RSPB website	<i>RSPB Guidance Wild Birds and the Law</i>
External Document	The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

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1 Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to define operational requirements to achieve compliance with legislation and to prevent damage to both protected sites and species. This document complements Network Rail's Biodiversity Action Plan that provides practical guidance on good management practices that maintain biodiversity.

2 Scope

This procedure applies to the management of protected sites, species and biodiversity on Network Rail land with regards to the function of Maintenance. The procedure also includes work undertaken by Network Rail's contractors.

This procedure applies to:

- Any maintainer with responsibility for managing land which is subject to legal protection.
- Any maintainer planning to undertake work within or adjacent to a legally protected site.
- Any maintainer who plans to undertake works where legally protected plants or animals may be present or nearby.
- You if you manage activities where maintenance work is undertaken.
- You if you are responsible for leading environmental management.

3 Roles and responsibilities

Responsible Manager

Infrastructure Maintenance Delivery Manager or Infrastructure Services Manager..

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RACI DETAILS	KEY CONTROL ACTIVITY	RESOURCES							
		Town Planner	Systems Support Manager	Maintenance Workforce Health, Safety & Environment Advisor (Delivery Unit)	Maintenance Workforce Health, Safety & Environment Advisor (Route)	Infrastructure Maintenance Environment Specialists	Responsible Manager	Section Manager	Environment Standards Specialist
Process Task									
5.1.1		A,R	I			I			
5.1.2				A,R			C		
5.1.3	X			A,R			I	I	C
5.1.4	X			C			A,R		
5.1.5							A	R	
5.1.6				C				A,R	
5.2.1		C					A,R		
5.2.2				A,R			C		
5.2.3				A,R			C		
5.2.4				A,R			C		
5.2.5				C			A,R		
5.2.6				C	C		A,R		
5.2.7				A,R		C			
5.2.8				A,R			I		
5.3	X			A,R			C		
5.4.1				I		I	A,R		
5.4.2								A,R	
5.4.3		A,R		R			I	I	
5.5.1							A,R		
5.5.2				C	C	C	A,C	R	
5.5.3			I	A,R				R	
end RACI									

RACI is a means of linking process steps to roles as follows:

- R – Responsible: the individual(s) who perform an activity – responsible for action/implementation – although usually only one, Rs can be shared
- A – Accountable: the individual who is ultimately accountable including yes/no decision and power of veto – only one 'A' can be assigned
- C – Consulted: the individual(s) to be consulted prior to a final decision being made or action taken – two-way communication.
- I – Informed: the individual(s) who need to be informed after a decision is made or action is taken – one-way communication.

Table 1 – RACI

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4 Definitions

For the purpose of this standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

AONB

The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 provides for the designation of AONB. Within these areas, stricter planning conditions are applied.

Biodiversity

The variety of all forms of life, from genes to species, through to the broad scale of ecosystems (biological diversity).

Conservation areas

The designation of these areas requires that Local Planning Authorities plan to preserve and enhance them and that conservation area status is taken into account during the assessment of planning applications.

Country Council for Wales

CCW

The Countryside Council for Wales is the government's statutory advisor on wildlife and countryside conservation matters in Wales. The CCW provides input into species license applications.

English Nature

EN

English Nature is the Government funded body responsible for promoting nature conservation in England. It selects, establishes and manages National Nature Reserves (NNRs), and identifies and notifies Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). It is responsible for considering applications and issuing licenses to disturb or move protected species. English Nature provides input into species license applications.

GI Portal

The GI Portal brings together the MARLIN and CNM platforms to provide a single, corporate platform for the management of all of Network Rail's needs for geospatial data

Licence

Licenses may be required when working in sensitive areas (e.g. areas with protected species and areas near watercourses) and include species licenses and tree removal licenses. Species licenses are obtained from EN/CCW/SNH, a felling license should be obtained from the Forestry Commission and licenses can be obtained from EA/SEPA with regard to work near watercourses). In some cases licenses for the removal, relocation of protected species (e.g. badger) are obtained from DEFRA. Some licenses require several months or survey information. Please allow adequate time during maintenance planning. Consult the Network Rail Biodiversity Action Plan for further information regarding the licensing process.