

**Hastings Borough Council reply to 0683/2 - Mr Wise's suggested policy wording regarding Translocation of Species**

Unfortunately there is no suggested policy wording here.

It appears essentially to be a cut and paste from existing standing advice and NE guidance. Further to consulting with the Council's Ecologist I don't actually think we need a separate policy as the new BS42020 provides the framework for the full criteria and adequacy for ecological information to be considered as part of any planning application. As a Planning Authority we have a duty to consider all material considerations re protected species.

Our Policy within the DMP already identifies the need to provide an Ecology Constraints and Opportunities Plan, Policy HN8. That would adequately identify if there were any protected species on site and also how they would be dealt with.

The Council can also impose a condition requiring for the submission of a Biodiversity Method Statement that would identify the purpose and objectives of any action proposed. The conditions would be tailored to the specific purposes of species translocation as per BS42020.

Sincerely,

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