

Bowland Ecology has a wide range of experience of ecological impact assessment throughout the UK. Our key experience includes large scale infrastructure projects, mixed use developments, industrial schemes, residential development, leisure schemes and minerals sites. Our in house staff has considerable UK wide experience of EIA. Bowland Ecology technical staff are members of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) and as such adhere to the CIEEM codes of professional conduct and guidance.

Infrastructure: Framework consultants, United Utilities plc since 2004. Bowland Ecology worked extensively on the 55 km West East Link Main (WELM); a fresh water pipeline crossing seven local authorities. We successfully negotiated with local authorities and regulators which included undertaking an Appropriate Assessment to consider the potential impacts on a European designated site. Licences were obtained for great crested newts, bats, badger and water vole from Natural England.

Mixed-use Development: We have undertaken the ecological input to numerous mixed-use developments. During 2009 we completed the ecological input to a large waterside re-development alongside the River Rother and Chesterfield Canal in Chesterfield. The area was subject to a non-statutory wildlife site designation and supported a significant population of water vole. As part of the EIA we developed a complex water vole mitigation strategy which was agreed with Natural England.

Industrial: During 2010 we were commissioned to take forward the ecological input to a proposed industrial development at Brunthill, Kingmoor Park, Carlisle. A previously submitted planning application with an EIA had not been granted planning permission due to a number of outstanding ecological issues. As a consequence we undertook detailed vegetation surveys and reptile surveys and negotiated with Cumbria Wildlife Trust and Natural England.

Residential: Bowland Ecology has worked closely with BAE Systems for the last 5 years. Much of the work undertaken involves ecological input into the EIA for a large and complex scheme with issues such as ancient woodland, non-statutory wildlife sites and protected species. We are currently retained by BAE to implement protected species licensed mitigation (great crested newts, bats). BAE have subsequently instructed us to work on several further sites (Glascoed, Warton, Heapey, Samlesbury, Featherstone).



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