

Validation Criteria: Application for Hedgerow Removal Notice

The original plus 1 copy of the information referred to below shall be provided unless the application is submitted electronically.

Introduction

For an application to be valid it must include the relevant forms, plans and other details to provide sufficient information to determine the application. These notes explain what should be provided for hedgerow removal under the National and Local requirements. In all cases the information we request will be necessary and in proportion to the nature and scale of the proposal and a material consideration in determining the application. However if you do not submit the necessary details it may be invalid, resulting in delays.

National Requirements

The application shall comprise

- completed **application form** signed and dated
- A plan showing the location and length of the hedgerow (at a scale of 1:2500 or other as appropriate)
- Evidence of date of planting

Local Validation Requirements

Biodiversity survey and report

You will need to provide a protected species survey and assessment for proposals affecting field hedgerows and/or lines of trees with obvious connectivity to woodland or water bodies or for ancient and/or species-rich hedgerows for bats, breeding birds, dormouse, red squirrels, badgers and plants. [Local Requirements Template](#), [Natural England](#)

Landscaping details

If landscaping is proposed a landscaping plan should be provided at scale of 1:200 including:

- details of existing planting and all trees/shrubs/hedges to be removed
- size, species, density and position of all shrubs, trees and hedges

Tree survey/Arboricultural implications

Where there are trees near to the hedgerow, information will be required on which trees are to be retained and on the means of protecting those trees during hedgerow removal.