



Protected species app for construction workers

Construction workers will now be able to identify protected species using an app. It is hoped the app will also help developers in understanding wildlife conservation issues.

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The Ecology Consultancy (TEC) and CIRIA have launched a mobile app (Working With Wildlife), which aims to advise the construction industry on the identification of protected species.

The app provides people working on construction sites with practical advice on the identification and management of a range of protected species including: badgers, bats, birds, dormice, great crested newts, otters, reptiles and water voles. It is hoped the app will allow decisions to be made on progressing or pausing works should an animal be found on a construction site.

The app also contains an introduction to key legislative elements, a gallery of photographs to help identify species, signs of their presence and habitats, a glossary of key terms and references for further reading.

John Newton founder and strategic advisor, The Ecology Consultancy, said: "The adaptation of the Working With Wildlife guidance into app form enables construction companies to easily share our guidance and puts it directly into the hands of their on-site employees. This will be invaluable in helping developers meet legislation requirements and encourage an understanding of the issues around wildlife conservation that their projects may come up against."



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