



Data search reports

Community reports

Brief description

Data search reports contain interpreted and summarised data relating to a specific site and its surrounding area (usually 1-2km radius). These reports provide information relevant to planning policies and legislation, for instance protected species and designated areas within or in proximity to a site. See an example of a data search report [here](#).

Community reports provide interpreted data relating to a specific site and its surrounding area to a 1km radius.

These reports provide information for groups and individuals looking to increase their understanding of a site, including the level and type of species recording that has occurred to date. See an example of a community report [here](#).

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Use

- Aid the appraisal of an area's biodiversity value, guide further survey work and supplement field interpretation.
- Gain understanding of the local context and provide complementary enhancements.
- **Should** be used by developers in ecological assessments of a development site.
- **Can** be used to object a planning application.
- **Cannot** be published or excerpts shared.
- Key points **can** be summarised.
- **Can** share one-page summary sheet.

- Demonstrate the history of biological recording and the contribution of Recorders to a site.
- Gain understanding of basic species and spatial information of a site.
- Identify gaps in species recording - species and area biases.
- **Cannot** be used to object a planning application.
- **Not** a complete document of all species and spatial data GiGL hold for a site.
- **Can** share the whole report.

Access

Small community groups or members of the public can access both for free, dependent on intended use. To request a report please [contact GiGL](#) directly.

You will need to sign a data use licence on behalf of the user group that restricts sharing.

It can be shared externally with no restrictions.

