

Bedfordshire & Luton
**Biodiversity
Recording &
Monitoring
Centre**



District Licencing – our experience of working with NatureSpace

- Data initially provided in May 2017 to enable development of 'Risk Impact Zones' map:
 - GCN records
 - County Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites, Roadside Nature Reserves
 - Other layers (GCN recolonization/terrestrial corridor project data, GI network)
- A draft map was produced for 7 Local Planning Authorities in the South Midlands and discussed with Local Authorities/Wildlife Trust etc.
- Map tweaked and finalised. District Licensing starts.....

- Developers can now either apply direct to Natural England for a licence or join the District Licence scheme – either way a preliminary ecological appraisal by a suitably qualified ecologist is required.
- June 2018 NatureSpace eDNA survey results shared with BRMC (with unrestricted use).
- September 2019 request from NatureSpace for annual arrangement for a data exchange.
- October 2019 attending ‘Developer’ and ‘Conservation’ seminars in Milton Keynes to find out how the scheme is going.....

The Impact Risk Map can be found on the NatureSpace website here:
<https://naturespaceuk.com/gismaps/impact-risk-map/>