

(Appendix A)

The OPP will include, but not be limited to, outline information on:

- Baseline otter activity
 - in holts, hovers and couches (dependent on the results of the otter survey)
- Mitigation measures, e.g.:
 - Requirement for Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) to be on-site during working hours to oversee compliance with environmental mitigation relevant to otter and otter legislation
 - Established emergency procedures (outlined in Pollution Prevention Plans (PPP) and or Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP))
 - Appropriate fencing of construction areas, excavations, and/or site compounds
 - Providing escape ramps (should otter/other mammals fall into excavations)
 - Capping temporarily exposed pipes
 - Inspect stockpiled material to assess if any burrows are present
 - On-site lighting to be sensibly positioned to minimise disturbance to the river corridor
 - An emergency procedure will be implemented by site workers if otter are encountered. All work within 30m will cease as soon as it is safe to do so, and the ECoW will inspect the site and define mitigation (if required) in line with this OPP
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 - If otter are encountered. All work within 30m will cease as soon as it is safe to do so, and the ECoW will be contacted
 - A hierarchical approach to mitigation of avoid/ protect and disturb/ destroy will be applied to any holt/ other place of shelter that may be affected
 - If the proposed works could result in the destruction of a holt/ other place of shelter a detailed mitigation plan will be required. This must be agreed with SNH (either through compliance with this OPP or through approval of a specific method statement)
- Review Procedure
 - The OPP will be reviewed and updated as required during the construction-phase of the works when new or amended information is available and in line with any change management procedures. All appropriate construction staff will be informed of any changes by the ECoW