

**NBC** ENVIRONMENT

Managing nature. Reducing risk

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“We manage conflict with nature proactively and responsibly removing the risk from commercial operations.”

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# Introduction

NBC Environment provides environmental planning, ecology services and sustainable, environmentally responsible bird and pest solutions throughout the UK.

**With a heritage spanning more than a quarter of a century, NBC Environment is one of the most successful and well respected independent environmental consultancies in the UK. Our specialist teams operate countrywide to offer the expertise and practical experience required to ensure working environments remain hazard-free and compliant.**

The nuances of wildlife legislation can be highly complex and environmental laws are typically tightly enforced. Failure to comply with regulations can result in significant financial penalties or prosecution, which may even extend to a prison sentence. NBC Environment provides peace of mind, by helping businesses to navigate this legislation and plan accordingly.

We offer a full-service approach to wildlife management from ecological consultancy to environmental contracting.

This ensures our clients are working within the strictures of UK and European law and have auditable evidence to safeguard their projects whilst respecting the environment.

From falconry to lasers, NBC Environment blends craft and technology to show how nature and innovation can successfully interact in the modern world.

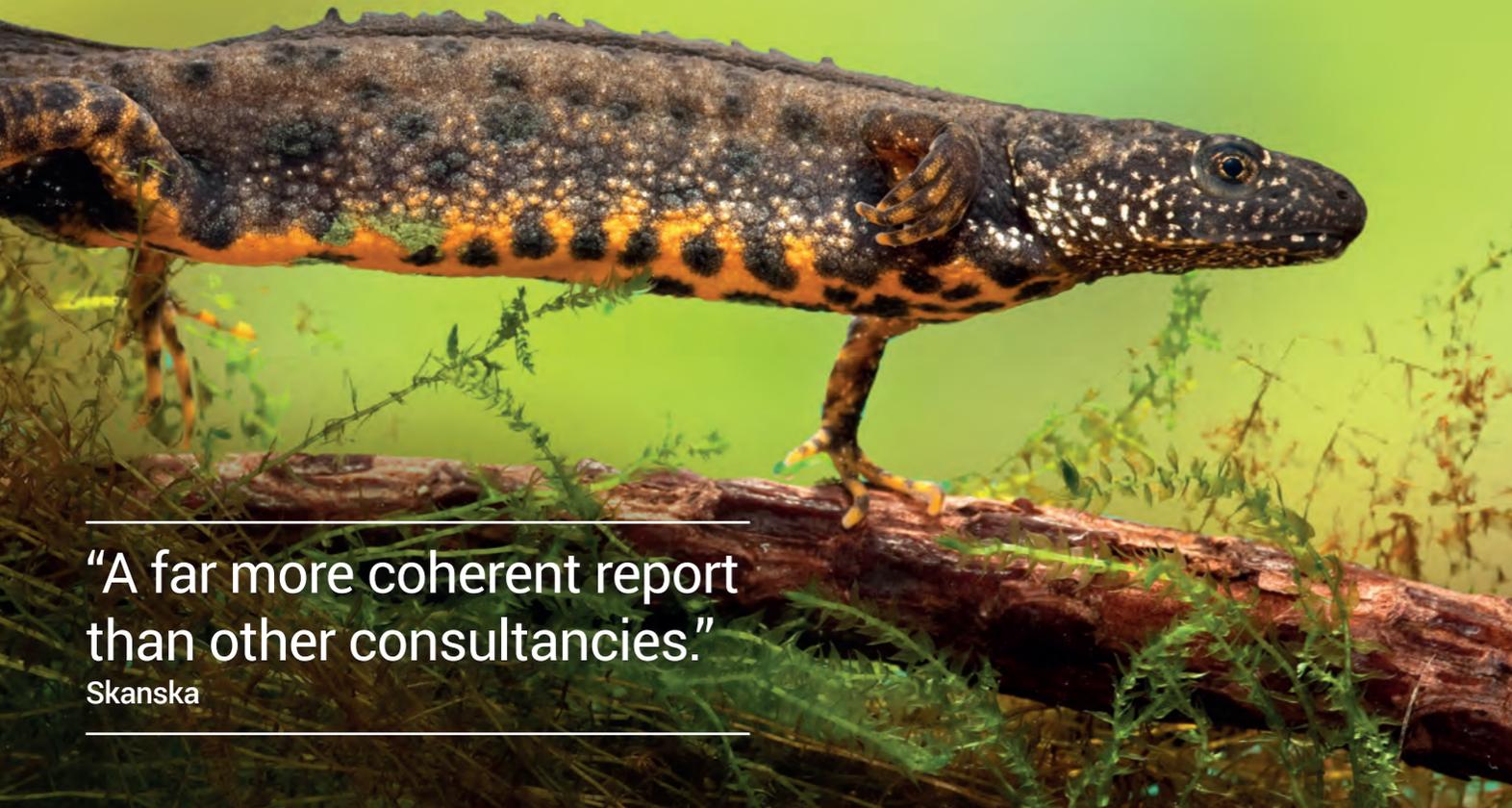
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“From survey to completion NBC provided a world class service, adapting to the needs of a complex issue requiring bespoke solutions in a difficult environment.”

**Cambridge City Council**

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“A far more coherent report  
than other consultancies.”

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## Ecology

Offering a comprehensive range of **Ecological Consultancy** services assisting clients including planning consultants, developers, construction and civil engineering contractors.

**Conservation runs deep within the DNA of NBC Environment and we've worked closely with the likes of the Food and Environment Research Agency (FERA) and Natural England. We also understand the needs of businesses and are able to balance commercial objectives with ecological responsibility in a sensitive and pragmatic manner.**

Ecological and land based services are provided through Blackdown Environmental, an NBC company. This strategic partnership places us in an enviable position in this sector. We are able to combine ecological consultancy with environmental management to offer a fully integrated service to businesses throughout the UK.

All projects are managed by staff that are members of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM). We hold protected species licences to carry out work on all sites to manage UK

wildlife from badgers to water voles. Our remit also covers invasive species.

We look after both the practical ecology and legal components of client projects to ensure they comply with all relevant legislation and are fully audited from appraisal through to completion of works.

**This covers:**

- ▶ Preliminary Ecological Appraisals (PEA)
- ▶ Protected Species Surveys
- ▶ Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA)
- ▶ Protected Species Licencing
- ▶ Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW)
- ▶ Wildlife Translocations
- ▶ BREEAM & Code for Sustainable Homes (CfSH)

We recognise the value of consultancy lies in the expertise of people. We're proud that some of the most highly qualified ecological experts and the most skilled operators in their fields have chosen to join our team.





Our **Environmental Contracting** services offer our clients practical and cost effective solutions.

**Once potential issues have been identified on site, we can provide contracting solutions for both land and water-based operations. We work closely with our clients, taking time to understand their requirements, providing bespoke solutions that meet their needs and legislative requirements.**

**Key services offered are:**

- ▶ Tree and vegetation management – Tree felling and vegetation clearance, coppicing, arboricultural tree surveys to BS:5837 and woodland management plans.
- ▶ Wildlife fencing – Supply and installation of specialist wildlife exclusion fencing for newts, reptiles, badgers, otters, deer and beavers.
- ▶ Agricultural fencing – Supply and installation of a range of fencing solutions including post and rail, demarcation fencing and stock fencing.
- ▶ Invasive species control – Production and implementation of remediation strategies and control measures for a wide variety of invasive plant species such as Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Giant Hogweed and Rhododendron.
- ▶ Aquatic engineering and weed control – Our services include hard and soft bio-engineering solutions, in-channel enhancements and the supply and installation of water control structures for inland waterways.
- ▶ Environmental landscaping and reinstatement – We are able to create, translocate and restore specialist habitats to discharge planning conditions and meet site specific biodiversity targets.
- ▶ Habitat management – Whether it's preserving, clearing or creating habitats, we ensure we work within legislative guidelines to meet the needs of clients and wildlife.



“They understood exactly what we needed and were very communicative, efficient and ready to offer practical solutions to any problems encountered. The job was done on time and to budget.” **Environ**



Our highly skilled and experienced team have worked on and delivered environmental contracting services on some of the UK's largest infrastructure and development projects. Their unique blend of skills allows us to provide bespoke solutions to our clients problems.

We are audited and accredited to ISO 9001 (Quality Management) and ISO 14001 (Environmental Management) certification and are approved by organisations such as Constructionline, CHAS, NHSS and UDVB Achilles. We also hold Sector Scheme 18 accreditation,

allowing us to work on roads and motorways, which sets us apart from much of the competition.

Our twin motivations are completing jobs to the highest standards, whilst ensuring natural habitats continue to be viable and self-sustaining. We seek out practical solutions to any challenge and pride ourselves on bringing every project in on time and to budget.

We also own and maintain plant and specialist equipment bringing the latest innovations in conservation and countryside engineering to our work.

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“The team understands ecology, the environment and add balance through appreciation of the pressures and complexities of the development and construction process.”

**Bondstones Planning and Design**

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# Bird Solutions

The UK's bird control experts providing effective solutions for industries such as aviation, construction, facilities management and commercial property management.

**For the last 25 years NBC Environment has been specialising in bird management, and we are now recognised as one of the UK's foremost authorities on birds.**

In that capacity, NBC has collaborated with bodies including the Food and Environment Research Agency (FERA) on research and conservation projects.

Despite our affinity with birds, there's no denying that some species at certain times and in different situations can become a nuisance. Problems can stem from their roosting, feeding and nesting activities, which can damage properties, cause disruption to business activities and become an active health and safety risk – either through aggressive behaviours or due to their waste.

While it may be difficult to miss a Herring Gull, other bird species are easily overlooked by the untrained eye. Even the smallest bird can potentially bring a project

to a halt, as all UK birds are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. This makes it illegal to kill or injure a bird and to move or destroy an active nest. Any business or individual that harms a wild bird or tampers with its nest can be prosecuted.

This has significant ramifications for industries such as construction or property management. If young birds are discovered on site, all works must stop until they have fledged – this can delay projects for up to six months: a costly delay for any business.

A detailed knowledge of all relevant legislation ensures licences are in place to undertake bird management activities within the scope of UK law. Our expert knowledge provides a broader range of solutions than perhaps our competitors, with measures that include deterrents such as (non-lethal) falconry and laser systems to modify behaviours and encourage birds not to settle at particular sites.



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“NBC is very professional in their approach. Their falconry response service has been extremely effective as well as being an exhilarating and educational experience.”

**DeVere Venues**

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Where appropriate, a service to remove the eggs and nests of many species can be implemented as well.

Expert at bird proofing properties and utilities, we offer a full range of netting, wire, spikes and gels to suit the specific needs of any type of building.

Finally, we're not afraid to get our hands dirty – we're also highly practiced in bird dropping removal!

**Our bird control services include:**

- ▶ Bird behaviour management
- ▶ Lasers - mobile and fixed installations
- ▶ Proofing - netting, bird wire, spikes, gel and electric deterrents
- ▶ Falconry disruption and dispersal programs
- ▶ Egg and nest removal
- ▶ Gutter clearance
- ▶ Bird dropping removal and cleaning



# Pest Solutions

Safeguarding businesses by delivering pest control and prevention services discreetly, responsibly and humanely.



**‘Pest’ is a loaded term; if any species of bird, animal or insect puts an organisation’s staff or members of the public at risk, steps must be taken to safeguard all parties from a legislative perspective.**

NBC Environment provides control and prevention services for an impressive portfolio of well-known, blue chip companies, as well as clients in the public sector, including councils, hospitals and waste management facilities.

Given our nationwide coverage, NBC is a perfect partner for facilities management companies and service departments supporting multi-site estates. We offer full transparency through the use of GPS technologies and real-time reporting to help manage commercial compliance and deliver KPIs.

We believe that, wherever possible, prevention is better than cure when it

comes to pests. We understand the need for discretion, particularly for public-facing organisations. Our teams of technicians and biologists are well versed in legislation relating to wildlife and hygiene standards. We take a tailored and proactive approach to minimise clients’ maintenance costs and ensure a clean bill of health at all times.

If there is an existing pest problem, our teams will respond quickly to prevent it escalating. Once the issue has been controlled, we will perform a comprehensive risk assessment survey and provide recommendations on how to prevent a reoccurrence.

#### **Pest issues we manage include:**

- ▶ Ants
- ▶ Bed bugs
- ▶ Cockroaches
- ▶ Fleas
- ▶ Flies
- ▶ Foxes
- ▶ Mice
- ▶ Moles
- ▶ Rabbits
- ▶ Rats
- ▶ Squirrels
- ▶ Wasps



You can have confidence in our professional approach. We are accredited and approved by the following bodies:



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