

TABLE 3

**Local Requirements For Designated Geological Sites And Features
Criteria for when a Survey and Assessment are Required**

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| 1. DESIGNATED SITES (as shown on the Council's Development Plan Proposals Map) | |
| Nationally designated sites | Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) National Nature Reserves (NNRs) |
| Regionally and locally designated sites | Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS) Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) |
| 2. OTHER GEOLOGICAL CONSERVATION FEATURES (Based on the Earth Science Conservation Classification) | |
| Exposure or Extensive Sites | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active quarries and pits ▪ Disused quarries and pits ▪ Coastal cliffs and foreshore ▪ River and stream sections ▪ Inland outcrops ▪ Exposure underground mines and tunnels ▪ Extensive buried interest ▪ Road, rail and canal cuttings |
| Integrity Site | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Static (fossil) geomorphological ▪ Active process geomorphological ▪ Caves ▪ Karst |
| Finite Site | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finite mineral, fossil or other geological ▪ Mine dumps ▪ Finite underground mines and tunnels ▪ Finite buried interest |

Exceptions When a Full Survey and Assessment May Not Be Required

International and National Sites: A survey and report will not be required where the applicant is able to provide copies of pre-application correspondence with Natural England, where the latter confirms in writing that they are satisfied that the proposed development will not affect any statutory sites designated for their national importance.

Regional and Local Sites: A survey and report will not be required where the applicant is able to provide copies of pre-application correspondence with appropriate local geological experts (such as the Local RIGS Group) that they are satisfied that the proposed development will not affect any regional or local sites designated for their local nature conservation importance.