

# RESILIENCE →))))))))) NEED TO KNOW GUIDE

Significant areas of the United Kingdom's land mass and surrounding seas are protected in the name of conservation and preservation. Businesses and business operations in these areas may be subject to additional planning regulations and operational restrictions. The consequences of non-adherence by deliberate or accidental act may be severe in terms of legal, financial, and loss of historic/conservation value, consequences.

## Protected area classifications:

Protect areas generally fall into one of four groups:

- areas protected for scenic value;
- areas protected for biodiversity value;
- areas protected for geodiversity value; and
- areas protected for cultural or historic value.

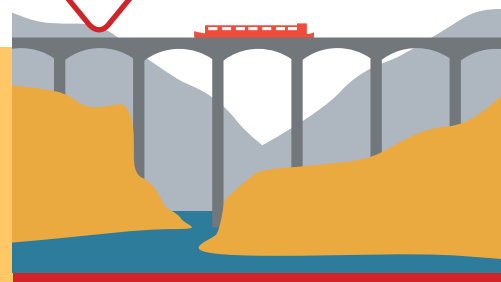
If this Resilience Guide has been delivered to you from use of the Business and Property Protection Portal it is because the system has established that the postcode of your business intersects with one or more of the following area designations:

- Ancient Woodlands;
- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
- Bathing Water Catchment Area;
- Conservation Scheme Agreement;
- Environmentally Sensitive Area;
- Local Nature Reserve;
- National Park;
- National Nature Reserve;
- Potential Special Protection Area;
- Sensitive Area – Bathing Waters;
- Sensitive Areas – Eutrophic Lakes;
- Sensitive Area – Nitrate River;
- Special Area of Conservation;
- Special Protection Area;
- Site of Special Scientific Interest; or
- World Heritage Site.

## Key contacts:

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).
- Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD).
- **England:** English Heritage, Natural England, Environment Agency.
- **Scotland:** Historic Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).
- **Wales:** Cadw – cultural and built heritage, Natural Resource Wales (NRW).
- **Northern Ireland:** Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA), Forest Service Northern Ireland.

## Understanding Environmental Protection



## Recommendations:

- Ascertain whether the precise location of your business falls within any designated protected area.
- Contact the agency responsible and fully understand any implications for your business including building, traffic, emissions, noise, operational hours restrictions etc.
- Seek to understand and address concerns of local residents.
- Contact your insurer and understand the situation in respect of your own insurance cover.
- Undertake an environmental impact analysis that specifically addresses any issues pertinent to the protections of the area your business resides within.
- Develop an environmental protection plan that covers both normal operation and any perceived risks attributable to abnormal function (such as loss of containment of stored liquids etc).
- Where a risk of pollution might be identified design systems of work and infrastructure that will support containment, such as bunding of potential spill areas, capping of drains, and control of local waterways.
- Install monitoring systems and alarms to warn of potential material escape.
- Carry appropriate first aid containment equipment and train staff in its use.

