

Legend Feature	Definition	Source	Extent of mapping
Other Protected Open Space	Comprise the following: Protected London Squares as designated in the London Squares Preservation Act 1931 and carried forward into UDPs; and Other open space, other than Green Belt/Metropolitan Open Land, such as Green Spaces, Public Open Space and Allotments, as protected/designated in development plans.	London Squares (affect Central only): London Squares Preservation Act 1931. Boundaries clarified by reference to Westminster UDP 1 st Deposit Draft – September 2000; Review of Camden UDP 1 st Deposit Draft June 2003; Islington UDP Adopted August 2002; London UDP 2002 – 2010 Adopted 2002 and Tower Hamlets UDP; Remainder: Adopted Local Plans, as for Green Belt & Metropolitan Open Land.	London Squares: Route Window. Remainder: Within 100m of Crossrail area of surface interest as shown on Parliamentary Plans.
Nature Conservation Site – International	Comprise the following ecological sites protected (or proposed to be protected) through international agreements/treaties: Special Protection Areas (SPAs); Special Areas of Conservation (SACs); and Ramsar Sites.	Lists and maps provided by English Nature Local Teams.	Route Window. No international sites appear within route window boundaries.
National Nature Reserve	Habitat that is among the best examples of a particular habitat and are of national importance so are designated (in England) under Sections 16 to 29 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. These provisions were strengthened by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.	Lists and maps provided by English Nature Local Teams.	Route Window
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Land of special interest due to its flora, fauna, geological or physiographical features notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (amended 1985).	Lists and maps provided by English Nature Local Teams.	Route Window
Local Nature Reserve	Habitat of local importance designated by local authorities under Section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.	Lists and maps provided by English Nature Local Teams.	Route Window
Nature Conservation Site	Comprise Sites of Metropolitan Importance, Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation at the County Level, Sites of Borough Importance Grades 1 and 2, and Sites of Local Importance. Metropolitan and County sites contain the best examples of the region's habitats, which contain particularly rare species, rare assemblages of species or important populations of species. In London it also includes sites which are of particular significance within the otherwise heavily built-up areas of London. Sites of Metropolitan Importance are set out in the London Plan and included within each borough's development plan in accordance with paras 15 and 25 of PPG 9: Nature Conservation. Sites of Borough Importance are sites that are important on a borough perspective as damage to these sites would mean a significant loss to the borough. The grade reflects the quality of the site. Sites of Borough Importance are included within each borough's development plan in accordance with guidance in paragraphs 15 and 25 of PPG 9: Nature Conservation. Sites of Local Importance are those recognized to be of particular value to people nearby. They are particularly important in areas otherwise deficient in wildlife sites.	Development plans: Barking & Dagenham UDP Adopted 1995; Bexley UDP Adopted 1996; Brentwood UDP Adopted 1995; London UDP Adopted 2002; Camden UDP Adopted 2000; Dartford UDP Adopted 1995; Ealing UDP Adopted 2000; Greenwich UDP Adopted 1994; ; Greenwich UDP 2 nd Deposit Draft April 2004; Hammersmith and Fulham UDP August 2003; Havering UDP Adopted 1993; Hillingdon UDP Adopted 1998; Hounslow UDP Adopted 1996; Islington UDP Adopted 1994, 1 st review August 2002; Kensington and Chelsea UDP Adopted 2002; Newham UDP Adopted 2001; Redbridge UDP Adopted 2003; Slough UDP Deposit Draft, January 1999; Tower Hamlets UDP Adopted 1998, Deposit Draft 2004; Westminster UDP Adopted 1997; Westminster UDP 2 nd Deposit Draft 2001 In addition: Romford Line Railsides in Barking and Dagenham mapped from Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in Barking and Dagenham, October 2003; Railside land in Havering and Westlands Rough mapped from Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in Havering, March 2003; Little Britain mapped from GLA files, September 2004; Roughland opposite Iver Station Biological Notification Site mapped from Buckinghamshire Biological Records Centre.	Route Window
Ancient Woodland	Sites which have had a continuous woodland cover since at least 1600AD and have only been cleared for underwood or timber production. Initially identified by the Nature Conservation Council during the late 1980's, now Joint Nature Conservation Committee.	Lists and maps provided by English Nature Local Teams from each County and the Greater London 'Ancient Woodland Inventory'.	Route Window