

Job advert

Lepus Consulting Ltd



Planning Ecologist

We are looking for a planning ecologist to join our team of environmental planning consultants in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. The post is full time and includes a package of benefits. Salary is negotiable with opportunities to earn performance related pay.

The role requires:

Essential

1. Outgoing, likeable and professional personality.
2. A second class honours (upper division) in physical geography, environmental science, ecology or related discipline. A second post-graduate qualification such as an MSc or MA.
3. Experience of Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and/or ecological impact assessment.
4. Experience of the EU Habitats Directive and associated habitats regulations assessment process for plans and projects.
5. Knowledge of biological recording and data protocols in the UK.
6. Evidence of high quality writing skills, ideally with an A-level in English or essay-based subject.
7. Broad knowledge of the UK town and country planning system, the local plan preparation process, wildlife law and latest policy developments in these fields.
8. Two years relevant experience, transferable or otherwise, of working in the public, private or voluntary sector on strategic biodiversity, planning and nature conservation issues.

Desirable

- Experience of biodiversity or nature conservation strategy preparation. This might have involved having working with either a Nature Improvement Area or Local Nature Partnerships in the UK.
- Ability to use GIS to prepare mapped outputs.

- Membership (associate or full) of IEEM.
- A professional appreciation of landscape ecology, awareness of strategic ecological assessment and ecosystem services.
- Experience of having prepared Green Infrastructure strategies or plans on behalf of local planning authorities to support local plans.
- Experience of strategic environmental assessment and environmental impact assessment.
- Ability to make assessments of brown and green field locations in terms of ecological opportunities and constraints.
- Knowledge of the BREEAM ecological assessment procedures.
- Experience of protected landscapes and integrated coastal zone management.
- Strong grounding in botanical identification and appreciation of UK habitat types.

Your **responsibilities** are to:

Promote the cause of biodiversity in a responsible and professional manner working with our diverse range of clients.

Help senior staff to deliver high quality and robust research, assessment and design contracts that will protect and enhance important habitats and species when carrying out work.

Provide consultancy advice and support on development plans and planning applications.

Play an important role and demonstrate a willing versatility for new projects as part of our growing environmental planning consultancy.

How to apply

If you meet the requirements for this post and are interested in applying, please email your CV and a covering letter in support of your application to:

Neil.Davidson@Lepusconsulting.com

Please do not call to discuss the post.

NO AGENCIES.

Applications should be received by 31st May 2013.

