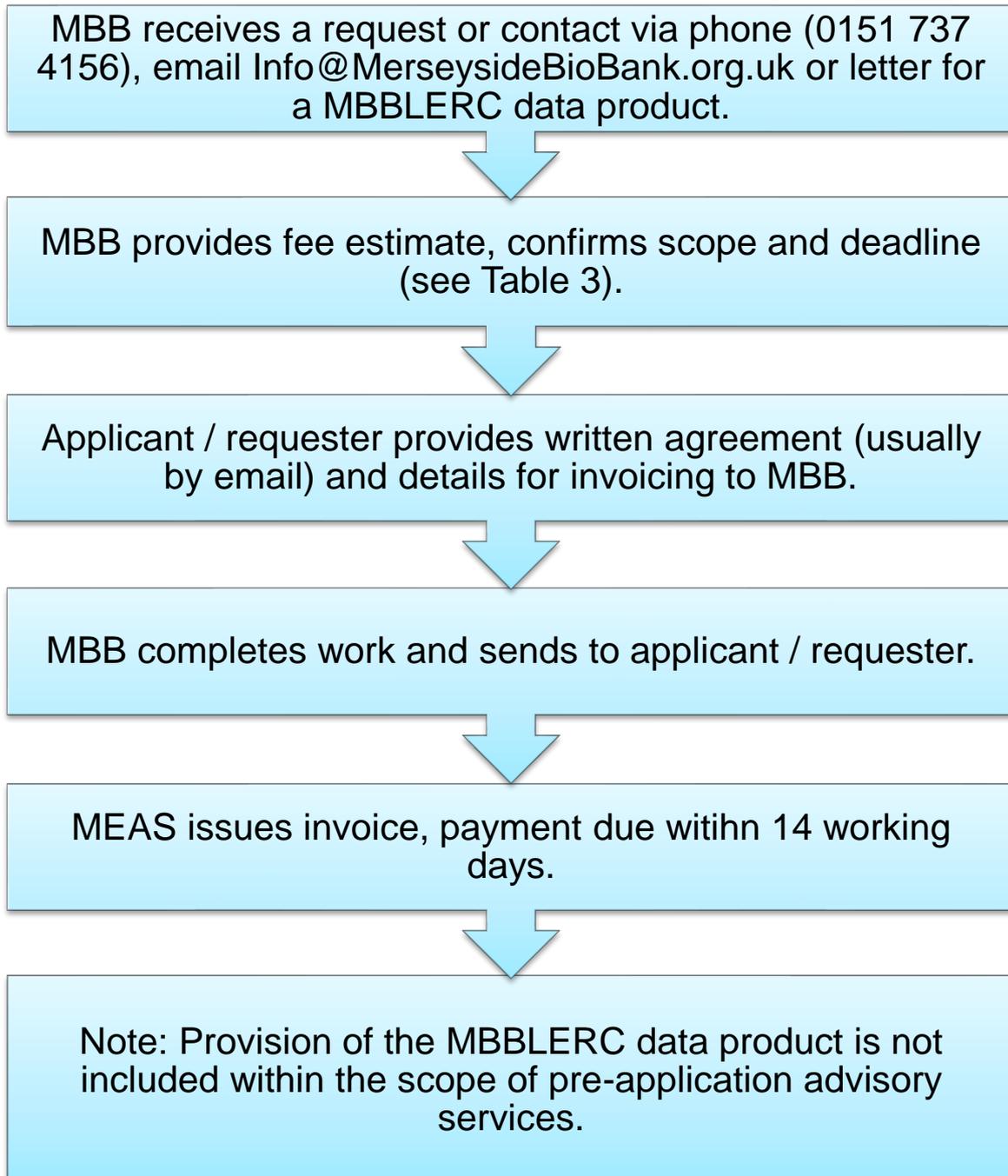


I Want a Merseyside BioBank Local Environmental Record Centre (LERC) Data Product / Search

When the applicant or requester contacts MEAS this may or may not be in conjunction with a planning case. This data product is excluded from the scope of pre-application advice.



Merseyside BioBank LERC

1. [Merseyside BioBank](#) is the Local Environmental Records Centre (LERC), an environmental information service, for North Merseyside. We cover the authority districts of Liverpool, Sefton, Knowsley and St Helens. As a member of the Association of Local Environmental Records Centres (ALERC) and part of the National Biodiversity Network (NBN), we collect and collate information on wildlife within our region, on a not-for-profit basis, and encourage and support the recording of wildlife.
2. The Merseyside BioBank database holds electronic copies of wildlife records provided from a wide range of sources, including; local naturalists, volunteer recorders, local natural history groups, professional consultants and national recording schemes and societies.
3. The wildlife records we hold are available to help others better understand the biodiversity of North Merseyside.
4. Records shared with us are held alongside thousands of others which together form an evidence base that underpins conservation, decision making, forward planning and development throughout Merseyside so helping to conserve and protect biodiversity in our rapidly developing region and beyond.
5. Our services are usually free to not-for-profit organisations, the public and local naturalists. There is a charge for consultancies, developers, other commercial bodies and funded work.
6. If you require one or more of our services or are unsure about whether we can help you, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us. We are constantly expanding on our services in response to the needs of our customers and welcome any feedback that you are able to provide.
7. If you would like to know about the distribution of a species or be provided with a list of species/habitats for a particular site, let us know and we will search through our database for the relevant records and provided them to you in a variety of forms such as our Biodiversity Information Reports (picture right).
8. Table 3 below sets out details of the scope of Merseyside BioBank data, products, services and charging.

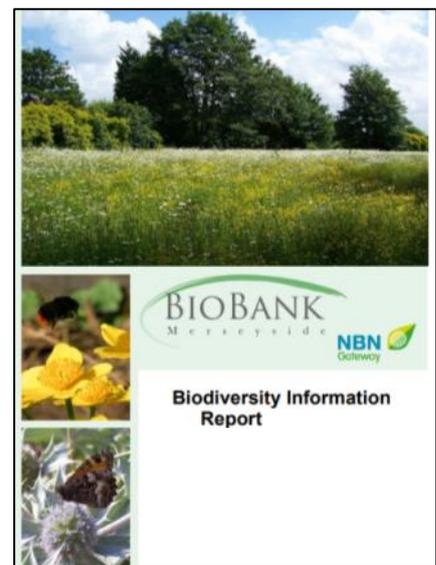


Table 3 – Merseyside BioBank Local Environmental Record Centre data product (search)

BioBank Local Environmental Record Centre data product (search)	Description	Standard of Service	Charges
Desk Based Data products: Merseyside BioBank Local Environment Record Centre	Data products and services as per Appendix 2.1 and are restricted to Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton and St. Helens. The procedure that we follow is set out in Appendix 1.4	5 working days from written acceptance of quotation by requester.	As per MBB published charging policy (Appendix 2.1)

Merseyside BioBank Local Environment Record Centre (LERC) Data Products and Services – Charging Policy

Commercial users

We define commercial users thus: commercial bodies, consultants, non-supporting bodies, those undertaking sponsored research and any other user that does not qualify as a non-commercial user (see below).

The fee is for the provision of a licence to reuse the data returned from the Merseyside BioBank Local Environment Record Centre data products and services (the products and services) as set out in the schedule below. The licence provides permission to reproduce the Merseyside BioBank data for commercial purposes (such as commercial advice, services and/or publications) restricted solely to that specific, unique Merseyside BioBank commercial enquiry. The permission excludes use or interpretation of those data for any other commercial purpose or commercial uses whatsoever.

For the avoidance of doubt, the licence fee does not include any element of Merseyside BioBank database assembly, data collection, and database maintenance or database management and relates solely to the licence for the re-use and interpretation of those data for unique commercial purposes.

Standard data product fee is £175 + 60* (excl VAT) - this includes:

- A standard report of all designated species within the search area to 2000 metres from a user defined point;
- Priority Habitat coverage;
- Detailed Phase 1 and NVC information where available to 500m;
- The provision of Local Site citations where available to 2000m;
- Liverpool Ecological Network elements of Core Biodiversity Area, Stepping Stones, Habitat Linkages, and Nature Improvement Areas to 2000 metres; and
- *Priority Bird data from the Lancashire Bird Group

Data product fee for single householder application is £125 (excl VAT) - this includes:

- A standard report of all designated species within the search area to 1000 metres from a user defined point;
- Priority Habitat coverage;
- Detailed Phase 1 and NVC information where available to 200m;
- The provision of Local Site citations where available to 1000m; and
- Liverpool Ecological Network elements of Core Biodiversity Area, Stepping Stones, Habitat Linkages, and Nature Improvement Areas to 1000 metres.

Reduced data product fee of £90 (excl VAT) may be applied for searches that only require records for certain restricted taxonomic groups with a search radius of 2000 metres or less.

Data searches will normally be scheduled, and products supplied within 5 working days following confirmation of quotation. If a faster turnaround is required, please contact Merseyside BioBank to discuss your requirements.

Overlapping Data Product Requests - Instances of data requests where a Search Area falls outside the boundary covered by Merseyside BioBank may, at the discretion of Merseyside BioBank staff, be reduced in cost to reflect costs of approaching an alternate LERC. Reduced charges will be proportionate to the area omitted from the search but will not be less than £90 (excl VAT).

Additional Service Rates and Non-Standard Products

Merseyside BioBank is able to provide other bespoke and unique data services and products beyond the scope of our standard product. An indication of these products and services are outlined below. Please contact Merseyside BioBank (0151 737 4156 or Info@MerseysideBioBank.org.uk) to detail your requirements and for a quote:

- **Non-Standard Search** – Requests for a search in excess of 12.56km² will be charged at £175 then £8 per additional km² up to 78km² then £5 per additional km². Data provided as a summary report (standard product) and as spatial layers (GIS).

The Liverpool City Region Ecological Network Data Products services - the Liverpool City Region Ecological Network is included within the Local Environmental Record Centre standard data product fee:

- **Liverpool City Region Ecological Network-only** data product services are charged at £100 (excl VAT) for commercial users.

Local Wildlife Sites

Merseyside BioBank provides Local Site information for North Merseyside free of charge on behalf of the *North Merseyside Local Sites Partnership* for both

commercial and non-commercial requests. Information includes citation and boundary information where available.

Non-commercial users

We define non-commercial users thus: non-sponsored researchers, teachers, students; members of the public; charitable or voluntary nature conservation organisations and natural history societies and other organisations, including recording groups who have either service level agreements or data exchange agreements with Merseyside BioBank. Enquirers may be asked to provide credentials.

Information to *bona fide* inquirers, who will use the data for non-commercial purposes, is normally supplied free of charge. However, if a significant amount of staff time and/or resources are required for an enquiry then a handling charge may be necessary but will be kept to a minimum. This will be specific to the nature of the enquiry.

Payment of Fees

The requester will, in the exchange of correspondence, be required to provide necessary financial information to enable payment to be made. This will usually be through provision of a Purchase Order Number or Purchase Requisition to enable MEAS to invoice. VAT will be chargeable on all discretionary advice; pre-application advice and data services provided and for more complex requests an invoicing schedule will be agreed with the requester. Payment of invoices will be required within 14 working days unless otherwise agreed between MEAS and the requester.

Changes to the Policy

MEAS reserves the right to amend or update this policy at any time and will normally review the policy annually. Fees for data products may change when a significant enhancement to that product has been implemented and incorporated into the products available.

Whilst this policy provides guidance on the most frequently used database products, we will, from time to time, agree product fees and deadlines for bespoke enquiries that fall outside the scope of the policy. This is subject to resources being available to provide data products to meet bespoke enquiries.

How can we help you? Please e-mail your questions, queries, and requirements to Merseyside BioBank at: Info@MerseysideBioBank.org.uk