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ENGLAND**Licence Application Form**

Application for a licence to kill or take any wild birds or their eggs; use a prohibited method; or to disturb wild birds listed on Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act for the purposes of public health and safety, air safety, agricultural damage and prevention of disease.

**Please Note – Applications can be completed online.
For more information please visit our [website](#).**

- Please complete this application form using **dark ink** and BLOCK CAPITALS.
- Return the completed form to the address shown.
- All questions should be answered as appropriate. Questions marked with '*' are mandatory and failing to complete these may result in delays to your application.
- If there is insufficient space for completing answers on this form, please attach a separate sheet.
- Natural England will aim to determine the outcome of a completed licence application within its published service standards.
- If you experience any problems completing this application or using the online Case Work Management (CWM) system – please see our [website](#) for guidance or contact Wildlife Licensing.
- Additional guidance is provided in [Using CWM – Applicant Guidance Document](#). This can be downloaded from our website or you can ask Wildlife Licensing to send you a copy.

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CWM Ref No:

Charter Deadline:

1. Applicant Details

Please enter the details of the person or company who will become the licensee

(For guidance please see attached annex)

- If the applicant is already registered as a customer please complete Registered Customer Details (a)
- If the applicant is not already registered as a customer please complete the New Customer Registration (b)

(a) Registered Customer Details

*Customer Number

*Surname

*Forename

*Postcode

(b) New Customer Registration

*Email Address

*Title

(please tick as appropriate)

Mr ☐Mrs ☐Ms ☐Other ☐

(Please Specify)

*Forename

Middle Name

*Surname

Professional Membership
(e.g. CIEEM, IEMA, etc)

If you represent
an organisation
please complete
(i) (ii) and (iii)

(i) *Business Title

(ii) *Company

(iii) *Position

House Name / No.

*Address Line 1

*Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town

*County

*Postcode

Country

Either 'Telephone No.' or 'Mobile No.' must be completed.

Telephone No.

Mobile No.

Fax no.

*Customer Type (e.g. Farmer, Householder, Ecologist, etc.)

Gamekeeper

*Are you VAT registered?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If 'Yes' VAT Number:

*Are you registered with the
Rural Payments Agency?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If 'Yes' RPA SBI Number:

(c) Alternative Applicant Contact Details

In the event that the applicant is unavailable to discuss the application, it would be helpful if alternative contact details could be provided. By completing this section you are confirming that this contact is authorised to act on behalf of the applicant.

Name:

Tel Number:

Email Address:

2. Communication Preferences

Applicant
preferences:

Email ☒ Post ☒ Telephone ☐

If 'Yes' for telephone, please provide a contact no.

3. Previous Applications

(a) * To your knowledge, have there been any previous applications or licence decisions concerning this purpose?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If 'No' please go to the next section. If 'Yes' to (a), please complete the following.

(b) * Date of most recent application:

17 July 2015

(c) * What was the subject of the previous applications (e.g. species and/or methods)?

Trap and shoot buzzards and sparrow hawks

(d) * What is the application or licence reference number?

(e) * What was the outcome of the previous application? (Please select one of the following)

Granted ☐ Not Granted ☒ Advice Only ☐ Deferred ☐ Not Yet Known ☐

4. Purpose

* Please confirm the purpose of the application:

- ☒ Preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock under section 16(1)(k)
- ☐ Preventing serious damage crops, vegetables or fruit under section 16(1)(k)
- ☐ Preventing serious damage to growing timber under section 16(1)(k)
- ☐ Preserving public health, under section 16(1)(i)
- ☐ Preserving public safety, under section 16(1)(i)
- ☐ Preserving air safety, under section 16(1)(i)
- ☐ Preventing the spread of disease 16(1)(j)

5. Justification

(a) * Please provide a summary of your need to apply. Please give any evidence demonstrating that the species applied for is causing the issue.

I am intending to run the shoots [REDACTED] for the farmers there as a [REDACTED] of serious damage by raptor predation at these sites, I need this licence to be able to undertake limited lethal control should I have to. [REDACTED]

(b) * If this application is in relation to damage to land, crops, fisheries or property, please provide the extent and nature of damage and an assessment of the severity associated with the issue. Please detail the frequency of the occurrence, the dates and at what time of year the issue occurs.

[REDACTED] buzzards and sparrowhawks have increasingly caused serious damage to my [REDACTED] by predating on pheasant poults in and around my release pens. NE has full details of the declining bag returns [REDACTED] and has accepted that buzzards are the main cause. To quote NE's [REDACTED] the measures taken and the evidence provided were, "certainly at least as good as is normally expected for licences of this type" for other species. [REDACTED] and as documented the damage has increased since. I ran these two shoots last year [REDACTED] and the combined return rate was 30%, which is below the rate at which these shoots are viable. NE was sent many photographs of raptor kills at all the release sites [REDACTED] This damage occurred despite all the attempts to prevent the problems outlined below.

(c) * Have you taken any action to prevent the problems outlined above?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

If 'Yes' to (c)... * Please provide details of the actions taken:

Significant deterrent/prevention actions have been undertaken [REDACTED] Methods tried include: Well-constructed release pens with electric fences, improved ground cover and brush wigwams, car radios, gas guns, scarecrows and mannequins, flashing lights, reflective CDs, barrier tape and one sided reflective tape, corrugated iron shelters, diversionary feeding, leaving kills in situ, reducing obvious perches, releasing older poults. [REDACTED]

If 'No' to (c)... * Please explain why no actions have been taken?

6. Conservation Considerations

(a) *Will any part of the proposed activity fall in and/or adjacent to a Designated Site?

Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐

If 'Yes' to (a) please complete the table below. If 'No', please go to the next section.

Please indicate whether the activity will fall on and/or adjacent to a designated site:	Designated Site Name:	Type of Designated Site <i>E.g. National Nature Reserve (NNR), Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar Site, Ancient Monument, Marine Nature Reserve (MNR), Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)</i>
On <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to <input type="checkbox"/>		
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(b) Have you received permission from all the designated site managers?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Known ☐

(c) Have you consulted with Natural England for advice on the implications of the application on the designated sites?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Known ☐

(d) Please give either the outcome of your consultations or the reason why you have not consulted us. Please provide any relevant correspondence and the name of the local Natural England adviser or reserve manager consulted.

(e) Will work extend into future years?

(If 'Yes' please state how many years it will extend for)

Yes ☐ years No ☐

(f) Is work part of a wider project or contributing to local Biodiversity Action Plans?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Known ☐

(g) Is the location covered by a Natural England Agri-Environment agreement (i.e. Environmental Stewardship)?

(If 'Yes' please provide the agreement reference number)

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Ref. No:

7. Authorisation

(a) *Is the applicant the owner / occupier of the land?

Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐

If 'Yes' to (a) please go to the next section. If 'No' to (a) please answer (b).

(b) Have you received the owner occupier's permission to apply?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please note that it is your responsibility as the applicant to obtain the owner or occupier's permissions to act under licence on their property.

You may be asked to provide documentation which confirms that you have owner or occupier's permissions and we will contact you if this is necessary.

8. Application Details

(a) * Please add details for all licensable actions you wish to perform.

	Licensable Action 1	Licensable Action 2	Licensable Action 3
Application Subject	Wildlife and Countryside Act birds - general	Wildlife and Countryside Act birds - general	Wildlife and Countryside Act birds - general
* Species	Buzzard	Sparrow Hawk	
* Activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird <input type="checkbox"/> Take or destroy an egg of a wild bird <input type="checkbox"/> Possess a wild bird or egg (or any part) <input type="checkbox"/> Disturb any wild bird (or dependant young) included in Schedule 1 when nesting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird <input type="checkbox"/> Take or destroy an egg of a wild bird <input type="checkbox"/> Possess a wild bird or egg (or any part) <input type="checkbox"/> Disturb any wild bird (or dependant young) included in Schedule 1 when nesting	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird <input type="checkbox"/> Take or destroy an egg of a wild bird <input type="checkbox"/> Possess a wild bird or egg (or any part) <input type="checkbox"/> Disturb any wild bird (or dependant young) included in Schedule 1 when nesting
* Method or Field Technique	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Egg oiling/pricking <input type="checkbox"/> Nest destruction <input type="checkbox"/> By hand <input type="checkbox"/> Close human presence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trapping <input type="checkbox"/> Nest relocation / destruction <input type="checkbox"/> Stupefying baits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Egg oiling/pricking <input type="checkbox"/> Nest destruction <input type="checkbox"/> By hand <input type="checkbox"/> Close human presence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trapping <input type="checkbox"/> Nest relocation / destruction <input type="checkbox"/> Stupefying baits	<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Egg oiling/pricking <input type="checkbox"/> Nest destruction <input type="checkbox"/> By hand <input type="checkbox"/> Close human presence <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping <input type="checkbox"/> Nest relocation / destruction <input type="checkbox"/> Stupefying baits
Number	up to 10 birds	up to 5 birds	
County			
*OS Grid Reference: (In format XX123456)	Sites close to	Sites close to	
Detailed Location			

(Please note for agricultural damage applications you must provide the RLR field numbers for the fields where the action is requested or OS Grid References for each field).

Proposed Date From		(for sparrow hawks)
Proposed Date To		(for buzzards)

(b) * Are you submitting a map or plan?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Please note: For new applications, where practical, you will need to provide a map or plan of a suitable scale showing where the activities will be undertaken. Please attach this to your application if appropriate.

Please complete the following only if Method or Field Technique is 'stupefying baits'.

(c) Have you within the past two years passed a formal training course on the above prohibited method that included a practical content?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If 'Yes' to (c) please answer (d). If 'No' please move to (e).

(d) Please state the date and title of the course(s) and the trainer(s).

(Company or individual as appropriate)

(e) Have you previously held a licence and undertaken at least one treatment using the method stated above within the last two years?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(f) What was the date of the most recent treatment?

(g) In which county was it carried out?

9. Authorised Individuals

*Will any additional authorised individuals / accredited agents be required to act under this license?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(EPS only) N/A ☐

If 'Yes', for each additional authorised individual / accredited agent, please complete the details below. If 'No' please go to the next section.

	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3
*Title:			
*Forename:			
Middle Name:			
*Surname:			
House No.:			
*Address Line 1:			
*Address Line 2:			
Address Line 3:			
Town:			
*County:			
*Postcode:			

Please note: The licensee and anyone acting under the licence are responsible for their actions and for complying with the licence conditions. In addition, no-one under the age of 18 may be authorised by the licensee without specific written permission from Natural England for licences that permit shooting.

10. Qualifications

(a) *Do you have qualifications and/or experience of the methods and procedures proposed?

Yes ☒ No ☐

(b) *Please provide details of relevant experience and qualifications.

I have been a gamekeeper for [REDACTED] and I both have long experience of wildlife management and shooting.

(c) *Have you consulted anyone in Natural England regarding this application?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If 'Yes' to (c)... Please provide details of the consultation.

Not on this application specifically but the exchanges between me and NE's advisers have been very extensive [REDACTED] dealing with this problem.

Please provide any additional information you may have to support your application.

I must run these two shoots this coming season to provide me with some livelihood. Doing so last year when you finally refused my application - long after I had had to make a decision to go ahead - was a nightmare. Buzzards and sparrow hawks both did serious damage at all the release sites by direct kills, driving poults away from the pens and stressing the birds, which suffered also from coccidiosis last year, a disease attributed by my vet to stress. I took many photos of raptor kills, some of which you were sent. I tried every deterrent listed in [REDACTED] email to [REDACTED]. The shoot days were not good - a season return average of 30% doesn't make for happy shooters who have paid good money for better than that.

My intention this year is to keep going with the deterrents but to have the licence available to trap/despach or to free shoot buzzards and sparrow hawks that give me a particular problem. Last year, for example, there was one buzzard at one of the pens that probably killed more poults than I have ever experienced. If that bird is still about and I can kill it as soon as a problem starts, it could make a huge difference at that location. Likewise elsewhere. Its the ability to act fast if and when I need to that requires me to have this licence. You are now determining applications for all species in accordance with your new Internal Guidance Note for Section 16 (1)(k) applications. I do not believe that you can refuse me given all the background to this case and all that I have done, whilst issuing licences for other species and purposes under that same IGN. If my case doesn't reach the mark, then how are those other grants for gulls, cormorants etc deemed to be doing so. [REDACTED]

12.

Data Protection

The data controller is Natural England, Foss House, Kings Pool, 1-2 Peasholme Green, York, YO1 7PX.

Your information will be stored and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1988. This Act gives you, as an individual, the right to know what data we hold on you, how we use it, with whom we share it and to ensure that it is accurate.

The information will be used by Natural England to undertake licensing functions. To do this we may have to discuss applications, licensing decisions, reports and returns with third parties including the Deer Initiative (for Deer Licences).

Natural England recognises there is significant public interest in wildlife licensing and in those who benefit from receiving a wildlife licence. Therefore, we may make information publicly available. Information released may include, but is not limited to, your name or business name, application and licence details as well as reports and returns.

Natural England, however, realises that some licensed activities can be sensitive and we **will not** release information that could harm people, species or habitats. In some cases, for example, this may mean not releasing the names and addresses of individuals or the location of the licensed activity.

Natural England or its appointed agents may use the name, address and other details on your application forms to contact you in connection with occasional customer research aimed at improving the services that Natural England provides to you.

We will respect your personal privacy, whilst complying with access to information requests to the extent necessary to enable Natural England to comply with its statutory obligations under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you believe that any of the information we hold concerning you is incorrect or out-of-date, please provide us with the accurate information in writing together with supporting evidence (if appropriate). You should address your correspondence to:

Natural England,
Sustainable Development,
First Floor,
Temple Quay House,
2 The Square,
Bristol
BS1 6DG
Tel. 0845 601 4523

Important Advice:

- If your application is made under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) or the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended), any person who in order to obtain a licence knowingly or recklessly makes a statement or representation, or furnishes a document or information which is false in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and may be liable to criminal prosecution. Any person found guilty of such an offence is liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both. Regarding other wildlife legislation, we will look to provisions in the Fraud Act 2006 (as amended) in respect of applicants making any false representations.
- Natural England or the Secretary of State can modify or revoke at any time any licence that is issued, but this will not be done unless there is good reason for doing so. Any licence that is issued is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information has been provided that resulted in the issue of a licence.

13. Declaration

13a. Convictions

* Have you or any person listed in the application been convicted of any wildlife-related or animal welfare offence?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If 'Yes':

Please provide details of the convictions: (including dates)

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13b. Applicant Declaration.

☒ I have read and understood the privacy notice above.

- Where required, I undertake to obtain permission from landowners / occupiers of land to exercise any licence resulting from this application, and to allow any employee or representative of Natural England to monitor or inspect the work described in this application.
- I have read and understood the guidance provided in the application form and on the Wildlife Licensing Internet guidance pages. I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with the information I have provided.

☒ I agree to the declaration above.

Signature of Applicant:



For electronic applications, please insert an electronic signature above or tick this box to confirm with the declaration.

☐

Name: (In BLOCK letters)



Date:

25/05/16

14. Annex - Application Notes

Applicant

The applicant is the person submitting the application (usually the landowner or occupier) who, if the licence was granted, would become the licensee. The applicant may appoint agents to produce the application pack and act on their behalf. A person with specific skills and knowledge of the species concerned, such as a consultant ecologist, must be appointed to assist in the preparation and the delivery of the proposals that ensure the species protection requirements can be met.

Licensee

The "Licensee" named on the licence is responsible for ensuring that all activities carried out on site in relation to the licence comply with the terms and conditions of the licence. However, all persons authorised to act under the licence must comply with the licence and its conditions (see Regulation 58(1) of the 2010 Regulations (as amended)). This means that all authorised persons have a responsibility for ensuring that the licence terms and conditions, including any annex special conditions, are understood and complied with. Failure to do so could lead to prosecution.