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Dear Sirs

[redacted] **Buzzard Licence**

Please find enclosed a completed licence for the control of Buzzards.

Should you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

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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 [redacted]

*Title
(please tick as appropriate) Mr ✓ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other ☐ (Please Specify)

*Forename	Middle Name	*Surname
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

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

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

(i) *Business Title [redacted] (ii) *Company [redacted] (iii) *Position Headkeeper

House Name / No. [redacted]

*Address Line 1

*Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town

*County [redacted]

*Postcode [redacted]

Country

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

Telephone No. [redacted]

Mobile No. [redacted]

Fax no.

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

*Are you VAT registered? Yes ☑ No ☐ If 'Yes' VAT Number: [redacted]

*Are you registered with the Rural Payments Agency? Yes ☑ No ☐ If 'Yes' RPA SBI Number: [redacted]

(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: [redacted]

Tel Number: [redacted]

Email Address: [redacted]

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: 25/5/2012

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

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

(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.

Extensive damage to pheasant poults in release pens and to newly released partridge poults

We are in an area of a very high (and still increasing) Buzzard population. I estimate on the [redacted] estate that we have approximately 28 breeding pairs of Buzzards and at the time of most damage we regularly see thermals containing 20 or 30 individuals above the most affected areas. At the time of our last application the NE on the ground assessor verified that in his opinion we definitely had a problem and should be granted a license. Since 2012 the situation has been exacerbated due to a drastic drop in our rabbit population (due to suspected VHD) which has seen alternate food for buzzards diminish.

I would like to be able to take particular problem Buzzards from both release pens and from our partridge release area using a high power rifle as these birds feed on a kill. By doing this i can ensure we target specific problem birds.

I seems that preventative measures have very poor results and when the area of damage is large they also become impracticable.

(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.

Damage occurs from mid June-September when pheasant and partridge release occur.

I would estimate that we lose in the region of [redacted] (5%) partridges and [redacted] (5%) pheasants annually to buzzards at a shooting cost of around [redacted] This estimation is based on kills observed and found and therefore may well be a gross underestimate. Kills are seen and found on a daily basis. Buzzards can be seen hunting partridges every evening in large numbers and the stress they cause to the partridges is also of great concern as this can lead to outbreaks of disease.

(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:

Over the years we have tried many preventative measures. Using scarecrows in pen, hanging CDs etc. We have planted Artichiokes in all of our pheasant release pens on order for the poults to have plenty of available ground cover available as soon as they are released. We have used supplementary feeding however this seems to simply attract more buzzards. All of the above have also been used by colleagues with similar poor results. We leave kills in the release pens so that the Buzzards can take a whole feed from them rather than finding a fresh kill. This is obviously not ideal from a disease point of view nor does it always work.
The partridge release area is relatively large so practical measures are difficult. Plenty of game cover crops are available to the partridges. All possible rabbit proof netting has been removed in order to reduce the areas that Buzzards can easilly catch partridges.

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 *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)*
On ☐ Adjacent to ☐		
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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		
* Activity	☑ Kill, injure or take ☐ Take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird ☐ Take or destroy an egg of a wild bird ☐ Possess a wild bird or egg (or any part) ☐ Disturb any wild bird (or dependant young) included in Schedule 1 when nesting	☐ Kill, injure or take ☐ Take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird ☐ Take or destroy an egg of a wild bird ☐ Possess a wild bird or egg (or any part) ☐ Disturb any wild bird (or dependant young) included in Schedule 1 when nesting	☐ Kill, injure or take ☐ Take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird ☐ Take or destroy an egg of a wild bird ☐ Possess a wild bird or egg (or any part) ☐ Disturb any wild bird (or dependant young) included in Schedule 1 when nesting
* Method or Field Technique	☑ Shooting ☐ Egg oiling/pricking ☐ Nest destruction ☐ By hand ☐ Close human presence ☐ Trapping ☐ Nest relocation / destruction ☐ Stupefying baits	☐ Shooting ☐ Egg oiling/pricking ☐ Nest destruction ☐ By hand ☐ Close human presence ☐ Trapping ☐ Nest relocation / destruction ☐ Stupefying baits	☐ Shooting ☐ Egg oiling/pricking ☐ Nest destruction ☐ By hand ☐ Close human presence ☐ Trapping ☐ Nest relocation / destruction ☐ Stupefying baits
Number	12		
County	[redacted]		
*OS Grid Reference: *(In format XX123456)*	[redacted]		
(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).			
Detailed Location			

Proposed Date From	1/7/2016		
Proposed Date To	30/9/2016		

(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:	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
*Forename:			
Middle Name:			
*Surname:			
House No.:			
*Address Line 1:			
*Address Line 2:			
Address Line 3:			
Town:			
*County:	[redacted]		
*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.

30+ years of gun handling 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.

Local advisor informed of issues

11 Supplementary Information

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

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:

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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 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)*

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: [redacted]

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

Name: *(In BLOCK letters)* [redacted]

Date: 1/7/2016

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.