



## Licence Application Form

Application for a licence to interfere with a badger sett in relation to archaeological investigation or preservation of a Scheduled Monument(s)

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- 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 please contact Wildlife Licensing.

**For Office Use Only**

Ref No:

### 1. Applicant Details

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

#### (a) New Customer Registration

*Please note: If you are the agent / named ecologist registering on behalf of the applicant you will need to provide their full authorisation with this application.*

\*Email Address

\*Title

(please tick as appropriate)

Mr

☐

Mrs

☐

Mx

☐

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.)

## (b) 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. Agent / Named Ecologist Details

(a) Will an agent / named ecologist be used in conjunction with this application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

## (b) New Agent / Named Ecologist Registration

Please note: If you are the applicant registering on behalf of the agent / named ecologist you will need to provide their full authorisation with this application.

\*Email Address

\*Title

(please tick as appropriate) Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Mx ☐ Other ☐ (Please Specify

\*Forename

Middle Name

\*Surname

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

Telephone No.

Mobile No.

Fax no.

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

## (c) Alternative Ecologist Contact Details

In the event that the named ecologist 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 named ecologist and has a detailed knowledge of the application.

Name:

Tel Number:

Email Address:

### 3. Communication Preferences

Please indicate who should be contacted if we need to discuss this application:

Applicant ☐ Agent / Ecologist ☐

Please indicate to whom the outcome documentation for this application should be sent:

Applicant ☐ Agent / Ecologist ☐

Applicant preferences: Email ☐ Post ☐ Telephone ☐

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

Agent / Ecologist preferences: Email ☐ Post ☐ Telephone ☐

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

### 4. Previous Applications

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

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

(b) \*Date of most recent application:

(c) \*What was the subject of the previous applications?

(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 ☐

### 5. Purpose

(a) \*Confirm the purpose of the application:

☐ Preservation, or archaeological investigation, of a monument scheduled under section 1 of the Ancient monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, under section 10(1)(e) Protection of Badgers Act 1992.

(b) \*What are the main aims?

## 6. Justification

(a) \* Please provide a summary of your need to apply:

(b) \* If this application is in relation to damage to a Scheduled Monument, please describe the extent of damage caused by badgers and the length of time this has been occurring

(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:

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

## 7. Site Details

\*Is the address for the site or premises to be licensed different to the applicant's address? Yes ☐ No ☐

If 'Yes' ... For each Site / Location to be licensed, please complete **all** of the following details:

If 'No' ... Please complete Site / Location Name and OS Grid Reference boxes only.

*(For linear projects, please add the start and end points separately)*

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
*Site / Location Name:			
House No:			
Address Line 1:			
Address Line 2:			
Address Line 3:			
Town:			
*County:			
Postcode:			
*OS Grid Reference: <i>(In format XX123456)</i>			

## 8. 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 ☐

## 9. 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.

## 10. 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	<i>Badger - Archaeological investigation</i>	<i>Badger - Archaeological investigation</i>	<i>Badger - Archaeological investigation</i>
Species	<i>Badger</i>	<i>Badger</i>	<i>Badger</i>
Activity	<i>Interfere with badger sett(s)</i>	<i>Interfere with badger sett(s)</i>	<i>Interfere with badger sett(s)</i>
* Method or Field Technique	<input type="checkbox"/> Obstructing sett entrances by means of one-way badger gates <input type="checkbox"/> Obstructing access to sett entrances by blocking or proofing <input type="checkbox"/> Obstructing access to sett entrances by means of a fence incorporating one-way badger gates <input type="checkbox"/> Damaging a sett by hand and mechanical means <input type="checkbox"/> Destruction of the vacant sett by hand and mechanical means <input type="checkbox"/> Disturbance of badgers <input type="checkbox"/> Method not known	<input type="checkbox"/> Obstructing sett entrances by means of one-way badger gates <input type="checkbox"/> Obstructing access to sett entrances by blocking or proofing <input type="checkbox"/> Obstructing access to sett entrances by means of a fence incorporating one-way badger gates <input type="checkbox"/> Damaging a sett by hand and mechanical means <input type="checkbox"/> Destruction of the vacant sett by hand and mechanical means <input type="checkbox"/> Disturbance of badgers <input type="checkbox"/> Method not known	<input type="checkbox"/> Obstructing sett entrances by means of one-way badger gates <input type="checkbox"/> Obstructing access to sett entrances by blocking or proofing <input type="checkbox"/> Obstructing access to sett entrances by means of a fence incorporating one-way badger gates <input type="checkbox"/> Damaging a sett by hand and mechanical means <input type="checkbox"/> Destruction of the vacant sett by hand and mechanical means <input type="checkbox"/> Disturbance of badgers <input type="checkbox"/> Method not known
Name of Sett			
Sett type	<input type="checkbox"/> Main <input type="checkbox"/> Annexe <input type="checkbox"/> Outlier <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary	<input type="checkbox"/> Main <input type="checkbox"/> Annexe <input type="checkbox"/> Outlier <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary	<input type="checkbox"/> Main <input type="checkbox"/> Annexe <input type="checkbox"/> Outlier <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary
Re-open once works are completed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
County			
OS Grid Reference			
Proposed Date From			
Proposed Date To			



(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.*

## 11. 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.*

## 12. 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.

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

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

## 13. Method Statement

To accompany this application we require a report or method statement that clearly describes how the proposed works will interfere with the badger setts and also demonstrates how any mitigation work will be carried out.

We would appreciate it if you do not use spiral binding for your report or Method Statement as this affects the ease with which we can scan or copy the document.

All reports must contain the following information (if not already provided in the application form):

### 1. Location of archaeological or preservation work

- Give the full postal address of the land where work is proposed.
- Give the six figure grid reference of the centre of the site, including the two grid letters found on the legend or corner of the map i.e. NZ835762.
- Give the name of the Scheduled Monument
- Provide the County Sites and Monument Record Number (under S1 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979).

### 2. Map and site details

- Include an appropriately scaled map that shows the site location in relation to the nearest street or town. This map, or an additional larger scale map if necessary, should also show locations of all setts on the site. Aerial photographs of the site are also helpful.
- Setts should be named or numbered and referred to in the legend or report.
- Give the likely status of the setts (whether main, subsidiary, annexe or outliers) and whether they are active or not. State the number of entrance holes at each sett.
- Indicate and specify which setts are to be disturbed, damaged, destroyed or obstructed. Specify any setts that will be re-opened at the end of the works.
- Show the location of any mitigation work e.g. artificial setts, new foraging habitat, water sources etc.

### 3. Survey information

Give details (including methods and results) of the survey undertaken to identify the location, number and status of the setts that will be affected by the proposed work.

### 4. Work schedule

Give a detailed schedule for all proposed sett interference, stating how and when each badger sett will be affected and indicating the type of machinery or tools to be used and the distance from the sett(s). Explain the rationale for the necessary badger interference. The dates of any proposed mitigation work must also be included (if applicable).

### 5. Maintenance and monitoring

Explain how you will:

- i. Monitor badger activity to ensure that badgers do not regain access to excluded setts before and during site clearance and sett destruction.
- ii. Monitor the proposed work to ensure that all licence conditions are met.

#### 14. **Supplementary Information**

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

## 15. Using and sharing your data

How we use your personal information is set out in the Wildlife Licensing privacy notice which can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/natural-england-privacy-notices>

### **Important Advice:**

- If your application is made under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (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.

## 16. Declaration

### 16a. 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)*

### 16b. 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:

### 16c. Ecologist Declaration (if applicable)

☐ I have read and understood the privacy notice above.

- I can confirm that I have visited the site.
- I have designed and inputted into the licence proposal.
- I am satisfied that the proposal will have the least possible impact on the species concerned.
- I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

☐ I agree to the declaration above.

Signature of Ecologist:

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

☐

Name: *(In BLOCK letters)*

Date:

## 17. 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.

### *Consultant/Named Ecologist*

The "Named Ecologist" is a professional ecological consultant who has satisfied Natural England that they have the relevant skills, knowledge and experience of the species concerned and is responsible for undertaking and/or overseeing the work undertaken in respect of the licensed species. The 'Named Ecologist' has a responsibility for ensuring that the licence is complied with. They are responsible for advising the licensee on the suitability and competence of any Accredited Agents or Assistants employed on site to undertake the required duties and may include the direct supervision of Assistants where appropriate. More information about the experience required to become a named ecologist can be found here:

[http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/bat-mitigation-guidance\\_tcm6-10534.pdf](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/bat-mitigation-guidance_tcm6-10534.pdf)

### *Accredited Agent*

An “Accredited Agent” is a suitably trained and experienced person who is able to carry out work under a licence without the personal supervision of the Named Ecologist. Any Accredited Agent must be appointed by the Licensee and be in possession of a letter signed by the Licensee confirming their appointment. Agents shall carry a copy of the said letter when acting under the licence and shall produce it to any police or Natural England officer on request.

### *Assistants*

An “Assistant” is a person assisting a Named Ecologist or Accredited Agent. Assistants are only authorised to act under this licence whilst they are under the direct supervision of either the Named Ecologist or an Accredited Agent.