

# Charge screening: mitigation licence



## A35 hazel dormice mitigation licence

Natural England will use this form to assess whether you need to pay for your licence.

You must download this form and save it to your computer before you fill it in. Remember to save your changes before you submit it. If you do not complete your form correctly, your request might take longer. Read the [A35 guidance](#) before you fill in this form.

See the [privacy notice](#) for how we use and share your data.

### **Section 1. Applicant details**

Applicant's name

Company name

Address including postcode

Telephone number

Mobile number

Email address

Project site name

Project site address including postcode

## Charge screening relating to modifications to a wildlife licence granted before 22 April 2019 only

Enter your licence reference number

### Declaration

I have read and understood the [terms and conditions for payment](#) in respect of an existing wildlife licence and agree to pay relevant charges.

### Section 2. Is there a charge for your licence?

Your answers must be the same as question 5 and question 11 on your licence application form.

Tick the relevant purpose for your licence application:

To prevent the spread of disease

To prevent serious damage to property

To preserve public health or public safety - but not for imperative reasons of overriding public interest of a social or economic nature

For a householder home improvement project (such as an extension, garage, car port, wall or fence) to a single home for which you

have received planning consent through a householder planning application

do not need planning consent (permitted development)

For the conservation of a:

scheduled monument

listed building

registered place of worship

farm building in a countryside stewardship agreement

If you have ticked any of the purposes above, you may be exempt from licence charges. You do not need to complete the rest of this form (section 3

and 4). Send this form with your licence application form to:  
[eps.mitigation@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:eps.mitigation@naturalengland.org.uk)

If the purpose of your application is:

a purpose not specified in Regulation 55(2) that is consistent with Article 16(1)(e ) of the Habitats Directive, under Section 55(4)

you should email [eps.mitigation@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:eps.mitigation@naturalengland.org.uk) to discuss your choice and whether a charge applies.

### **Section 3. Invoice details**

Complete this section if your licence is chargeable. You will need to pay before you start your project.

Contact details are the same as applicant details

Company name

Address including postcode

Telephone number

Mobile number

Email address for invoices

Contact name for invoices

Email address (if different from invoice email address)

Do you use a purchase number for company invoices?

Yes

No

If yes, enter the purchase order number

#### **Section 4. Licence cost**

The cost of the A35 licence is either:

- a fixed price of £690
- a variable price depending on the time taken to assess it.

#### **Can I pay a fixed price for my licence?**

Your answers must be supported by evidence in your licence application (questions 5, 6 and 9) and method statement.

Tick the options that apply to your project.

To be eligible for the fixed price, the project must:

be located in: Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Sussex, Kent or Surrey

not be a phased or multi-plot development

use mitigation or compensation techniques and timings as stated in the Dormouse Conservation Handbook 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, by Bright, Morris and Mitchell-Jones, published in 2006 by English Nature.

If the project is a housing or transport project, it must be:

a housing project with 9 or fewer houses

a transport project that will damage or destroy less than 1 hectare of dormouse habitat (before mitigation or compensation)

If you can tick all the relevant options above, you can pay the fixed price for your licence. Send this form with your licence application to [eps.mitigation@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:eps.mitigation@naturalengland.org.uk)

If your licence is not eligible for the fixed price, you will need to pay a variable price.

## Variably priced licences

The variable price is calculated to the nearest quarter of an hour, based on an hourly rate of £101 plus a £183 compliance check. Likely costs are:

- new licences between £500 and £2000
- modifications between £100 and £1000
- resubmissions between £500 and £800

Complex cases are likely to cost more, such as:

- proposals that fragment habitat and isolate populations
- clearing habitat at times that are not recommended in the Dormouse Conservation Handbook 2nd Edition
- projects that affect dormouse outside of their core range
- projects using unusual, new or contentious methods
- applications or project plans that have incomplete or inaccurate details
- applications or project plans with unnecessary additional information
- issues with ecologist experience or poor references
- surveys that do not follow guidance or are limited or constrained
- phased or multi-plot developments
- use of licensing policies
- applications where compliance issues have been identified or have previous police involvement
- applications without relevant planning permissions (or other consents) in place; that do not have conditions or reserved matters fully discharged; or that propose the use of exceptional circumstances
- applications that affect a protected site

## Submit your form

Save and send this completed charge screening form with your A35 licence application form to: [eps.mitigation@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:eps.mitigation@naturalengland.org.uk)