

8 September 2017

The logo for Natural England, featuring the words "NATURAL ENGLAND" in white, uppercase letters on a green rectangular background.

Natural England
BM 6283
London
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Dear Sirs

Protection of Badgers Act 1992, TB Area Control Licence, [REDACTED]

In accordance with conditions 1 and 2 of your licence I am writing to notify you of our findings in relation to the outstanding items listed in condition 2(a) to (f) as follows:

- (a) On the basis of the information provided by you we are satisfied that sufficient funds have been deposited to cover the cost of completing the cull;
- (b) The date which culling may start this year is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] If you start on a later date due to operational reasons please inform us and we may revise the start dates accordingly.
- (c) Those persons authorised to take or kill badgers under this licence are listed in the attached list of Additional Authorised Persons, dated 8 September 2017;
- (d) The minimum number of badgers that you should aim to kill within the licence area during this open season is 1595;
- (e) The maximum number of badgers which may be killed within the licence area by all permitted methods during this open season is 2164;
- (f) We are satisfied that approximately 90% of the land within the licence area is either accessible or within 200m of accessible land.

Please note the following important points:

- (i) Natural England will keep under review all available evidence as to the level of the population and will monitor the culling operations. Natural England will, if appropriate, provide further advice on the level of culling effort and badger removal required to achieve an effective cull.
- (ii) Only those individuals listed in the list of Additional Authorised Persons are permitted to undertake any licensed operations by or on behalf of the Licensee. Any proposed changes to the Additional Authorised Persons schedule (additions or deletions) should also be notified to Natural England in writing for consideration.
- (iii) There must continue to be access for culling over approximately 90% of the total land area or within 200m of accessible land. Natural England must be informed, in writing, about any land that is withdrawn or which otherwise ceases to be eligible to participate in licensed operations.

If you have any queries about this notification please contact the licensing team on 0300 060 0550.

Yours sincerely



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