## Date: 13 September 2018

Our ref:





Natural England BM 6283 London WC1N 3XX SpecialistLicensing@naturalengland.org.uk

Dear Licence Holder,

## PROTECTION OF BADGERS ACT 1992, Badger Disease Control licence, Authorisation letter

I am writing to authorise badger control operations for the open season beginning June 2018.

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 on which culling may start this year is

If you start on a later date due to operational reasons please inform us.

- (c) Those persons authorised to take or kill badgers under this licence are listed in the attached list of Additional Authorised Persons, dated 10 September 2018 (and as subsequently revised);
- (d) We are satisfied that approximately 90% of the land within the licence area is either accessible or within 200m of accessible land.
- (e) We are satisfied that there are sufficient persons authorised to meet the Minimum Effort required during that Open Season.

## 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 to ensure it is carried out in accordance with the agreed minimum effort requirements. 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 License Holder. Any changes to the Additional Authorised Persons schedule should be notified to Natural England in writing for consideration.

If you have any queries about this notification please contact the Specialist Licensing team at <u>SpecialistLicensing@naturalengland.org.uk.</u>

## Yours,



for and on behalf of Natural England