



Licence Application Form

Application for a licence to kill, take, disturb or possess wild animals:
Science, education and conservation

- 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.

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For Office Use Only

Ref No:

1. Applicant Details

Please enter the details of the person or company who will become the licensee
For Water vole applications in relation to development, this must be the developer.

(a) Customer Details

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.	<input type="text"/>		
*Address Line 1	<input type="text"/>		
*Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>		
Address Line 3	<input type="text"/>		
Town	<input type="text"/>	*County	<input type="text"/>
*Postcode	<input type="text"/>	Country	<input type="text"/>

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

Telephone No.	<input type="text"/>	Mobile No.	<input type="text"/>
Fax no.	<input type="text"/>		
*Customer Type (e.g. Farmer, Householder, Ecologist, etc.)	<input type="text"/>		

(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:	<input type="text"/>
Tel Number:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>

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

Professional Membership

(e.g. CIEEM, IEMA, etc)

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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.)

(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:

- ☐ Science or education, under section 55(2)(a) and/or section 16(3)(a)
- ☐ Ringing or marking, under section 55(2)(b) and/or section 16(3)(b)
- ☐ Conserving wild animals, under section 55(2)(c) and/or section 16(3)(c)
- ☐ Protecting any zoological collection, under 55(2)(d) and/or section 16(3)(d)
- ☐ Photography, under section 16(3)(e)

(b) * What are the main aims?

(c) * Is data being collected? If yes, please describe what it will be used for?

(d) * What publications have you produced or contributed to regarding this topic?

If purpose confirmed above includes 'Conserving wild animals' please answer all of the following. If not, please go to the next section.

(e) * What are the conservation aims of the proposed work? If you wish to control one species to conserve another you should give evidence (e.g. counts) for how one species affects the other(s).

(f) * How will you monitor the effects on the target species?

6. Justification

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

(b) * If you are applying in relation to damage to land, crops, fisheries or property, please provide the extent of damage and dates (including previous years if appropriate) :

(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 all of the following questions. 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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If activity falls on / adjacent to multiple sites, please attach details of these sites on a separate sheet.

(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 ☐

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	Schedule 5 (Wildlife and Countryside Act) Animals		
* Species			
* Activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Take <input type="checkbox"/> Possess <input type="checkbox"/> Disturb <input type="checkbox"/> Damage/Destroy <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruct <input type="checkbox"/> Kill	<input type="checkbox"/> Take <input type="checkbox"/> Possess <input type="checkbox"/> Disturb <input type="checkbox"/> Damage/Destroy <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruct <input type="checkbox"/> Kill	<input type="checkbox"/> Take <input type="checkbox"/> Possess <input type="checkbox"/> Disturb <input type="checkbox"/> Damage/Destroy <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruct <input type="checkbox"/> Kill
* Method or Field Technique (e.g. amphibian fencing, box traps, observation)			
Number			
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Age and Life Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
* County			
* OS Grid Reference (or 10km grid square)			
* Detailed Location			
* Proposed Date From			
* Proposed Date To			

11. Authorised Individuals

* Will any additional authorised individuals / accredited agents be required to act under this license?

Yes ☐ No ☐

N/A (EPS only) ☐

If 'Yes', please complete the details below for each additional authorised individual / accredited agent:

	<i>Person 1</i>	<i>Person 2</i>	<i>Person 3</i>
* 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

*If you have not held a similar type of licence within the last 3 years you will need to supply references to support your application. You must follow the guidance on our **website** with regard to the number and content of references required. If you submit the incorrect number of references or references with content which is not as described, it is likely your application will be refused.*

(a) * Are you providing references?

Yes ☐ No ☐

*If 'Yes'
to (a):*

Please provide details of referee(s)

(b) * Do you have qualifications and/or experience of the methods and procedures proposed?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(c) * Please provide details of relevant experience and qualifications.

13. Supplementary Information

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

14. Charge screening

14a. Applicant screening

Natural England will use this form to assess whether you need to pay for your licence. If you do not complete your form correctly, your request might take longer.

Charge screening relating to changes to a wildlife licence granted before 28 September 2020 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.

14b. Is there a charge for your licence?

Your answers must be the same as question 5 on this application form.

Is the main aim of your project either:

- construction or development (includes improvement or maintenance)
- filming or photography

Yes

No

If yes, you will need to pay a licence fee.

Is the purpose of your licence application for any of the activities exempt from charging? Tick the relevant activity:

Science or education

Ringling or marking

Conserving wild animals

Protecting any zoological collection

For use by a volunteer

You may be exempt from a licence charge if you ticked 'no', and if your licence is one of the exempt activities. You do not need to complete the rest of this section 14.

14c. Invoice details

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

Company name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

Mobile number

Email address for invoices

Contact name

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

14d. Licence Cost

The cost of this licence is calculated to the nearest quarter of an hour, based on an hourly rate of **£101** plus a £61 compliance check.

Most licences are likely to cost between £200 and £600, including the compliance check charge.

Complex cases are likely to cost more. For all A29 licences, this includes:

- projects using new or contentious methods
- applications or project plans that have incomplete details to assess the project proposal accurately
- applications or project plans with unnecessary additional information
- issues with ecologist experience or poor references
- surveys that don't follow guidance or highly constrained surveys
- phased or multi-plot developments
- applications where compliance issues have been identified or previous police involvement

For water vole applications only

Your licence is likely to cost more if:

- an application has not followed the method statement template
- proposals do not comply with the licence conditions
- there's no justification provided for proposals that do not follow best practice
- the proposal is to take water voles into captivity
- the proposal is to use off-site receptor locations
- displacement is more than 50m away along a continuous length of bank
- the proposal is a large scale development with multiple sites of impact

Read, complete and sign sections 15 and 16 then submit your completed licence application form to wildlife.scicons@naturalengland.org.uk

15. Using and Sharing Your Information

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-notice>

Important Advice:

- **If your application is made under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) or the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, 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 have read and understood the **Terms and Conditions** for payment in respect of Wildlife Licence Applications and agree to pay all the relevant charges due.

☐ 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

☐ 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 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 60(1) of the 2017 Regulations). 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 name ecologist can be found here:

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.