

Licence Annex B: Provisions relating to licensed actions within the cull area, including on or around Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), and/or Ramsar sites within the counties of Cheshire and Merseyside.

Notes W, Y and Z to this Annex must be considered on any land where operations permitted under this licence are proposed or are undertaken.

Notes A and B apply only on and/or around Protected Sites and only in respect to Protected Sites where these Notes are cited in the 'Licence Condition' column of the table below for that site.

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| Abbots Moss | Midland Meres & Mosses - Phase 2 Ramsar, West Midland Mosses SAC | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use or placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, or within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. |
| Alderley Edge | | Exclude SSSI. |
| Bagmere | Midland Meres & Mosses - Phase 1 Ramsar | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use or placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, or within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. Avoid Unit 2. |
| Bar Mere | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. |
| Beechmill Wood and Pasture | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of rhododendron or conifer plantation or areas of scrub. Delay access until after hay cut, mid-July. |
| Betley Mere | Midlands Meres & Mosses Phase 1 Ramsar | All vehicles must be restricted to existing robust vehicle access tracks at all times. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use or placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, or within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. |
| Bickerton Hill | | Exclude SSSI. |
| Black Lake, Delamere | | Exclude SSSI. |
| Brookhouse Moss | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Chapel Mere | Midland Meres & Mosses - Phase 2 Ramsar | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use or placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, or within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. |
| Comber Mere | | No activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. No shooting from 1st September to 30th April in areas of intertidal, fen, reed bed and grazing marsh habitats. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. |
| Dane-in-Shaw Pasture | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Delay access until after hay cut, mid-July. |

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| Danes Moss | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Dee Cliffs | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub. |
| Dee Cliffs, Farndon | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub. |
| Dee Estuary | Dee Estuary/ Aber Dyfrdwy SAC, The Dee Estuary Ramsar, The Dee Estuary SPA | No licensed activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. No access to nor activities within any intertidal or saltmarsh habitat. No licensed activities from 1st September to 31st March in any fen, reed bed and grazing marsh habitats or in, immediately adjacent to, or across any large waterbody or intertidal habitat. Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use nor placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, nor within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Dibbinsdale | | No licensed activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or/ and areas of Rhododendron, Cherry Laurel scrub or conifer plantation. |
| Dunsdale Hollow | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or/ and areas of Rhododendron, Cherry Laurel scrub or conifer plantation. |
| Flaxmere Moss | Midland Meres & Mosses - Phase 1 Ramsar | Exclude SSSI. |
| Flood Brook Clough | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint, rhododendron or conifer plantation. |
| Frodsham Railway and Road Cuttings | | No additional conditions imposed. |
| Gannister Quarry | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub. |
| Gleads Moss | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Hallwood Farm Marl Pit | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Hatch Mere | Midland Meres & Mosses - Phase 1 Ramsar | Exclude SSSI. |
| Hatherton Flush | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub. |

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| Hatton's Hey Wood, Whittle's Corner and Bank Rough | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or/ and areas of Rhododendron, Cherry Laurel scrub or conifer plantation. |
| Heswall Dales | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use nor placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, nor within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Holcroft Moss | Manchester Mosses SAC | Exclude SSSI. |
| Holly Banks | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Inner Marsh Farm | The Dee Estuary Ramsar, The Dee Estuary SPA | No licensed activities from 1st September to 31st March in any intertidal, fen, reed bed and grazing marsh habitats. No licensed activities from 1st September to 31st March in, immediately adjacent to, or across any large waterbody or intertidal habitat. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks for the period stated. |
| Lindow Common | | Exclude SSSI. |
| Linmer Moss | Midland Meres & Mosses - Phase 2 Ramsar | Exclude SSSI. |
| Little Budworth Common | | Exclude SSSI. |
| Madams Wood | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Delay access until after hay cut, mid-July |
| Mersey Estuary SSSI | Mersey Estuary Ramsar, Mersey Estuary SPA | No licensed activities from 1st September to 31st March in any intertidal, fen, reed bed and grazing marsh habitats. No licensed activities from 1st September to 31st March in, immediately adjacent to, or across any large waterbody or intertidal habitat. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks for the period stated. Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use nor placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, nor within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. No access to nor activities within any intertidal or saltmarsh habitat. |
| New Ferry | Mersey Estuary Ramsar, Mersey Estuary SPA | No licensed activities from 1st September to 31st March in any intertidal, fen, reed bed and grazing marsh habitats. No licensed activities from 1st September to 31st March in, immediately adjacent to, or across any large waterbody or intertidal habitat. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. |
| Norbury Meres | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Oak Mere | Oak Mere SAC, Midland Meres & Moses Phase 2 Ramsar | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Exclude vehicles from the supralittoral rock zone. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Any decaying wood located within the sett footprint is |

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| | | to be left in situ if possible. If decaying wood must be moved then it should be moved no further than is necessary. |
| Oakhanger Moss | Midland Meres & Mosses - Phase 2 Ramsar | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Avoid wet woodland areas containing Grey willow. Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use or placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, or within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. |
| Peckforton Woods | | No activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Pettypool Brook Valley | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub. Exclude vehicles from the supralittoral rock zone. Any decaying wood located within the sett footprint is to be left in situ if possible. If decaying wood must be moved then it should be moved no further than is necessary. |
| Plumley Lime Beds | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Quoisley Meres | Midland Meres & Mosses - Phase 1 Ramsar | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use or placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, or within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. Any decaying wood located within the sett footprint is to be left in situ if possible. If decaying wood must be moved then it should be moved no further than is necessary. |
| Raw Head | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub. |
| Red Brow Cutting | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub. |
| Risley Moss | Manchester Mosses SAC | Exclude SSSI. |
| River Dane | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| River Dee (England) | River Dee and Bala Lake SAC | No licensed activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. No use of any cage trap within 100m of any watercourse and avoid placing any cage trap in any marshy, reed-bed, riparian or other type of wet habitat. Do not dig in any cage traps for one hour either side (i.e. 2 hours) of sunset and sunrise [Note. the setting open of traps to catch during these periods is permitted]. Do not use any fish-based bait. The |

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| | | licensee must assist Natural England with the gathering of information on fox control taking place on, and in the vicinity of, this SSSI (see Notes A and B). |
| Rixton Clay Pits | Rixton Clay Pitts SAC | Exclude SSSI. |
| Roe Park Woods | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Rostherne Mere | Rostherne Ramsar | No shooting activities from 1st September to 30th April in areas of intertidal, fen, reed bed and grazing marsh habitats. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub. Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use or placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, or within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. |
| Sandbach Flashes | | Exclude SSSI. The licensee must assist Natural England with the gathering of information on fox control taking place on, and in the vicinity of, this SSSI (see Notes A and B). |
| Sound Heath | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub. Any decaying wood located within the sett footprint is to be left in situ if possible. If decaying wood must be moved then it should be moved no further than is necessary. |
| Stanley Bank Meadow | | Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use nor placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, nor within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or/ and areas of scrub, Rhododendron, Cherry Laurel scrub or conifer plantation. |
| Tabley Mere | | No shooting activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. |
| Tatton Meres | Midland Meres & Mosses - Phase 1 Ramsar | Exclude SSSI. |
| Taylor's Rough & Wellmeadow Wood | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| The Dungeon | | No additional conditions imposed. |
| The Mere, Mere | Midland Meres & Mosses - Phase 1 Ramsar | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use or placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, or within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. |
| Thurstaston Common | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Except on existing tracks, no vehicle use nor placing traps alongside any watercourses or waterbodies, nor within any wet area, fen, bog or mire. All |

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| Toddbrook Reservoir | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub. |
| Warburton's Wood and Well Wood | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint, rhododendron or conifer plantation. Delay access until after hay cut, mid-July. |
| Well Rough and Long Plantation | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Wettenhall and Darnhall Woods | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Delay access until after hay cut, August. |
| Wimboldsley Wood | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Delay access until after hay cut, mid-July |
| Witton Lime Beds | | All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. |
| Woolston Eyes | | Exclude SSSI. |
| Wybunbury Moss | Midland Meres & Mosses - Phase 1 Ramsar, West Midland Mosses SAC | No vehicle use or trapping is permitted on the SSSI. Access on foot is only permitted following prior agreement with Natural England NNR staff. Avoid any access within Unit 1. |

Notes to Annex B

General note on interpretation

Protected sites that are listed above are not necessarily part of any active operations. Active operations can and will only occur on protected sites where landowner/occupier permission has been granted.

Within the licence conditions, use of the word 'avoid' denotes a prohibition, i.e. it indicates that an area must be excluded from relevant activities or that activities must not be undertaken during the time period stated or in the manner described. Similarly, the word 'restrict' means that activities must be confined to the areas or time periods stated.

For further details on each protected site and its notified features of special interest and/or European Site qualifying features please enter the site name into the following link:

<https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/SiteSearch.aspx>.

Individual notes

Note A

Natural England will inform the licensee from time to time of the information it requires. This is likely to focus on whether fox control is routinely undertaken on the relevant site and/or on areas of participating land within a few kilometres of the site. The licensee is expected to use reasonable endeavours to assist Natural England with the gathering of this information.

Note B

Natural England may form the judgment that measures should be introduced to secure the protection of species associated with this site, such as fox control, anti-predator fencing, habitat management, or buffer zones in which badger control is not undertaken. Such measures may be secured through cooperation between licensees, landowners, occupiers, and/or public bodies. If it considers it necessary to do so, Natural England may: exercise its powers under sections 28J-K of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or regulation 20 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017; and/or revoke and re-issue this licence with revised terms (provided that such terms will be reasonable and proportionate in all of the circumstances).

Note W

European protected species are listed in Schedule 2 (animals) and Schedule 5 (plants) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. Nationally protected species are listed in Schedule 5 (animals) and Schedule 8 (plants) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Under these laws (regulations 43 and 47 of the 2017 Regulations and sections 9 and 13 of the 1981 Act), it can be an offence to:

- deliberately capture, injure or kill any wild animal of a European protected species
- intentionally kill, injure or take a nationally protected wild animal
- deliberately disturb wild animals of any European protected species
- intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy any structure or place which a nationally protected animal uses for shelter or protection, disturb such an animal while it is occupying such a structure or place, or obstruct access to any such structure or place
- damage or destroy a breeding site or resting place of any wild animal of a European protected species
- deliberately take or destroy the eggs of any wild animal of a European protected species
- deliberately pick, collect, cut, uproot or destroy a wild plant of a European protected species
- intentionally pick, uproot or destroy any nationally protected wild plant

Great crested newt, otter, dormouse, and sand lizard are European and nationally protected species.

Note Y

All birds, their eggs and nests (while in use or under construction) are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. This licence does not allow you to take or destroy such nests. Birds species listed under Schedule 1 of that Act have additional legal protection so care must be taken to avoid their disturbance during the breeding season.

Note Z

All bats and their roosts (even when not occupied by bats) are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and by The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. This licence does not allow you to enter or obstruct any bat roost, nor to disturb any bat whilst it is occupying a roost. Care must be taken to avoid sustained human presence near, or artificial illumination of cracks and cavities in trees and man-made structures, and of any mounted boxes.