

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

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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Allendale Moors	North Pennine Moors SAC, North Pennine Moors SPA	No shooting activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Activities conducted under this licence must comply with existing legal obligations described in Note Y. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Avoid placing traps alongside watercourses, pools or within fens, bogs, wet heaths and mires. The licensee must assist Natural England with the gathering of information on fox control taking place on, and in the vicinity of, this SSSI and these European Sites (see Notes A and B).
Allolee to Walltown		All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint.
Aules Hill Meadows	North Pennine Dales Meadows SAC	All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.
Bowlees and Friar House Meadows	North Pennine Dales Meadows SAC	All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.
Bowes Moor	North Pennine Moors SAC, North Pennine Moors SPA	No shooting activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Activities conducted under this licence must comply with existing legal obligations described in Note Y. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Avoid placing traps alongside watercourses, pools or within fens, bogs, wet heaths and mires. The licensee must assist Natural England with the gathering of information on fox control taking place on, and in the vicinity of, this SSSI and these European Sites (see Notes A and B).
Burnfoot River Shingle and Wydon Nabb	Tyne & Allen River Gravels SAC	All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.
Close House Mine		No additional conditions.
Cornriggs Meadows	North Pennine Dales Meadows SAC	All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.
Cotherstone Moor	North Pennine Moors SAC, North Pennine Moors SPA	No shooting activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Activities conducted under this licence must comply with existing legal obligations described in Note Y. Limit location of

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		traps to existing sett footprint. Avoid placing traps alongside watercourses, pools or within fens, bogs, wet heaths and mires. The licensee must assist Natural England with the gathering of information on fox control taking place on, and in the vicinity of, this SSSI and these European Sites (see Notes A and B).
Far High House Meadows	North Pennine Dales Meadows SAC	All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.
Foster's Hush		No additional conditions.
Grains O'th' Beck Meadows	North Pennine Dales Meadows SAC	All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks that are currently in use by vehicular traffic. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.
Hartley Cleugh	North Pennine Moors SPA	No shooting activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Activities conducted under this licence must comply with existing legal obligations described in Note Y. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Avoid placing traps alongside watercourses, pools or within fens, bogs, wet heaths and mires. The licensee must assist Natural England with the gathering of information on fox control taking place on, and in the vicinity of, this SSSI and European Sites (see Notes A and B).
Hexhamshire Moors	North Pennine Moors SPA, North Pennine Moors SAC	No shooting activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Activities conducted under this licence must comply with existing legal obligations described in Note Y. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Avoid placing traps alongside watercourses, pools or within fens, bogs, wet heaths and mires. The licensee must assist Natural England with the gathering of information on fox control taking place on, and in the vicinity of, this SSSI and these European Sites (see Notes A and B).
High Knock Shield Meadow	North Pennine Dales Meadows SAC	All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.
Knarsdale Meadows	North Pennine Dales Meadows SAC	All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.
Lambley River Shingles	Tyne & Allen River Gravels SAC	All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.
Lune Forest	North Pennine Moors SAC, North Pennine Moors SPA	No shooting activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Activities conducted under this licence must comply with existing legal obligations described in Note Y. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Avoid placing traps alongside watercourses, pools or within fens, bogs,

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		wet heaths and mires. The licensee must assist Natural England with the gathering of information on fox control taking place on, and in the vicinity of, this SSSI and these European Sites (see Notes A and B).
Monk Wood		All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.
Ninebanks River Shingle	Tyne & Allen River Gravels SAC	All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.
Old Moss Lead Vein		No additional conditions imposed.
River West Allen at Blakett Bridge		No additional conditions imposed.
Teesdale Allotments		No licensed activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season.
The Bog	North Pennine Moors SPA	No licensed activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Activities conducted under this licence must comply with existing legal obligations described in Note Y. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or/ and areas of Rhododendron, Cherry Laurel scrub or conifer plantation. The licensee must assist Natural England with the gathering of information on fox control taking place on, and in the vicinity of, this SSSI and European Site (see Notes A and B).
Tipalt Burn		No additional conditions imposed.
Upper Teesdale	Moor House-Upper Teesdale, SAC North Pennine Moors SPA	No shooting activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Activities conducted under this licence must comply with existing legal obligations described in Note Y. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Avoid placing traps alongside watercourses, pools or within fens, bogs, wet heaths and mires. The licensee must assist Natural England with the gathering of information on fox control taking place on, and in the vicinity of, this SSSI and European Sites (see Notes A and B).
White Ridge Meadow	North Pennine Dales Meadows SAC	All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.
Whitfield Moor, Plenmeller and Ashholme Commons	North Pennine Moors SPA, North Pennine Moors SAC	No licensed activities from 1st March to 31st August to avoid bird breeding season. All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Activities conducted under this licence must comply with existing legal obligations described in Note Y. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint. Avoid placing traps alongside watercourses, pools or within fens, bogs, wet heaths and mires. The licensee must assist Natural England with the gathering of information on

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		fox control taking place on, and in the vicinity of, this SSSI and these European Sites (see Notes A and B).
Williamston River Shingle	Tyne & Allen River Gravels SAC	All vehicles must be restricted to existing tracks. Limit location of traps to existing sett footprint or areas of scrub.

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, damage or destroy such nests. Bird 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 & 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.