

**APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO INTERFERE WITH BADGER SETTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT**

**SECTION 10 (1) (D) OF THE PROTECTION OF BADGERS ACT 1992**

**This application form is for:**

Licences to interfere with badger setts for the purpose of development as defined in section 55 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

* Interference is defined by section 3 of the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 and includes damaging or destroying a badger sett, obstructing any entrance to a sett and also disturbing badgers when occupying a sett.

We aim to process applications within 30 working days of receipt of all necessary information. We cannot guarantee an earlier response.

***A licence from NRW does not grant access or power of entry onto any land***

**Before you complete this application form, please read these guidance notes:**

**Completing and submitting this form**

* **Part A and B** must becompleted by all applicants and their ecologist, if appropriate. They must also be able to demonstrate that they have the necessary and suitable amount of expertise to achieve the objectives of the proposed work.
* **Part C** must be completed in full and provide details of the proposed works, why they are required, what activities need to be licenced, and details of any permissions.
* **Part D and E** must be completed in full.

Complete questions in full: failure to provide adequate information will delay the processing of your application. Any further information you wish to provide should be appended on additional sheets.

* Your application must be supported by:
	+ A method statement, which should include contingency plans for any species found on site whilst work is underway.
* This form can be returned to Species Permitting Team:
* By email: specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk
* By post: Natural Resources Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, LL57 2DW

**Length of licences and reporting**

* Licences are issued for the time that activities affecting badgers will take.
* It is a condition of any licence issued that a full report of the work carried out under licence is submitted within four weeks of the expiry of the licence. Failure to do so may result in future applications being refused.

How we handle your information

The information provided by you will be processed by Natural Resources Wales in line with the GDPRs Data Protection Principles. This will ~~to~~ enable us to process your application; to monitor compliance with any permit conditions; to process renewals, and to maintain the relevant public register.

We will process the information you provide in connection with the following:

* Consultation with third parties who are relevant and responsible for responding to consultation requests from NRW to enable us to process your application
* Carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on environmental issues
* Providing public register information for enquiries
* Preventing and investigating possible breaches of environmental law and taking any resulting action
* Responding to requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004

**We would also like to send you details about other topics we think may be of interest to you such as NRW news; services relating to environmental matters; asking for your feedback on our service; and more useful information.**

**If you consent to receiving further information from us, please tick the following box to confirm**

Yes, I would like to receive additional information from NRW relating to environmental matters □

**Please note we may pass the information on to our agents or representatives to carry this out for us**

If you have any further queries or concerns, please contact dataprotection@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk.  For further information on the processing of your personal details please see our [Privacy Notice page](https://naturalresources.wales/privacy)

In this document “Natural Resources Wales” means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012. The Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2013 transferred the relevant functions of the Countryside Council for Wales, and functions of the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission in Wales to the Natural Resources Body for Wales.

**Part B. The Ecologist: Personal details and experience with the species concerned**

**This section relates to the person acting on behalf of the developer/landowner and who will be responsible for delivering specific elements of any licence granted in respect of the disturbance of badgers, including the overseeing of exclusion works and mitigation.**

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| Part A. The Applicant (the Developer or Landowner): Personal details |
| **This section relates to the person who will be the named licensee. This must be a named individual; company names and several individuals are not permitted. As the licensee, you will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the licence and its conditions.** |
| **1.**  | **Applicants Contact Details** |
|  | Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) | Forename(s) | Surname |
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| Business Title (if appropriate) |  |
| Company Name (if appropriate) |  |
| Address |  |
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| Town |  |
| County |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Tel. number (incl. national dialling code) |  |
| Mobile. number (incl. national dialling code) |  |
| Email address (Please provide if possible, to enable us to email you a copy of your licence, if approved.)  |  |

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| **1.**  | **Ecologists Contact Details** |
|  | Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) | Forename(s) | Surname |
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| Business Title (if appropriate) |  |
| Company Name (if appropriate) |  |
| Address |  |
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| Postcode |  |
| Tel. number (incl. national dialling code) |  |
| Mobile. number (incl. national dialling code) |  |
| Email address (Please provide if possible, to enable us to email you a copy of your licence, if approved.)  |  |

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| **2.** | **Previous Applications** |
|  | Have you, as the Ecologist for these works, held a badger development licence issued by any of the following? |
|  | The Welsh Government |[x]  Natural Resources Wales |[x]   Other (please specify) |  |
|  | If **YES**, please provide;* Your last licence reference number:
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|  | * The year in which the licence was issued:
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|  | If **NO**, you will need to enclose written references from two people who can vouch for your suitability and competence for this type of work and give details of appropriate experience. At least one referee should have held a relevant licence within the last three years. We may contact these referees to verify their statements. Please include their names, contact details and qualifications below. |
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| **3. Experience and qualifications** |
| a) | Please give brief details of your experience and qualifications relevant to the species to which this application applies and to this type of work. |
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| b) | Please give brief details of any experience and/or qualifications that you have gained with other species and you think is relevant to show your suitability and competence for the proposed works in this application. |
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| **4.** **Accredited Agents / Assistants** |
|  |  An **accredited agent** should be a suitably qualified, experienced person who is able to carry out work under a licence without the personal supervision of the licensee or the nominated Ecologist. To carry out work they must be in possession of a letter signed by the licensee appointing him or her as an accredited agent of the licensee for the purpose of the licence. At all times the licensee is fully responsible for all the work carried out under licence. An **assistant** is employed by a licensee or his/her accredited agent, to work under their direct personal supervision at all times. A breach of the licence conditions by an accredited agent, assistant or helper may result in the revocation of your licence.  |
|  | Do you propose to employ accredited agents? If **YES,** please fill in their details below. | Yes |[ ]  No |[ ]
|  | **Name** | **Postal Address** | **E mail address** |
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|  | Do you propose to employ assistants? If **YES,** please fill in their details below. | Yes |[x]  No |[ ]
|  | **Name** | **Postal Address** | **E mail Address** |
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**Part C. The Application**

**Please relate your answers in this section to the species that will be affected by the proposed works and give as much detail and information as possible and make sure you answer all questions.**

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| **1. The proposed development works** |
| a) | Please provide a description of the proposed works to be undertaken and outline why they are necessary  |
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| b) | Please provide a description of how the proposed activity will impact on the Badgers present  |
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| **2. Summary of the Planning Position (please insert an x in one box only)** |
| No Planning Permission required |[ ]
| Full Planning Permission granted |[ ]
| Outline Planning Permission granted |[ ]
| Reserved Matters |[ ]
| Please provide below, details of the consents granted for the proposed activity. Please also specify here if any other consents have been granted for the activity. E.g. Listed building consent, Tree preservation order, Demolition Order, please also specify if works fall under permitted development etc.  |
| Consent/s granted:Description of what the Consent permits:Name of Planning Authority-Planning ref. No/s.-**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE REQUIRED PLANNING DOCUMENTATION IS SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION** |

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| **3.** **Activities to be Licensed** |
| a) | **Proposed Methods** |
|  | Please complete **all** relevant columns in the table below using an **X** as appropriate to indicate the methods you propose to **use, the activity involved, and the time period** for each method. This information will be used when drawing up the licence and failure to give full details may result in an inappropriate licence being issued. |
| **Activity to be licensed** | Method to be used e.g.exclusion gates etc etc. | **Time period** (month and year) |
| Obstructing access to / entrance of a sett | Disturb a badger whilst occupying a sett | Damage a sett or any part if it | Damage a breeding site or resting place | Destroy a sett | From | To |
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| b) | **Location of proposed licensed action** |
|  | Site name and address |  |
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|  | Town |  |
|  | County |  |
|  | Postcode |  |
|  | O.S. Ref.(e.g. ST 12345 12345) |  |
| c) | Does your Method Statement includes a location map of relevant scale? A scale of 1:25,000 would be advisable. Tick to confirm. | Yes |[ ]
| d) | Please state why the proposed actions will not be detrimental to the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status.  |
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| **4. Consideration of Designated Sites** |
|  | **Designated Areas:** Local Nature Reserves (LNR), National Nature Reserves (NNR), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar sites, and certain other river/lake systems. |
| a) | Will any part of the proposed activity fall within an area covered by a designated site?  | Yes |[ ]  No |[ ]
| b) | Will any part of the proposed activity fall adjacent to an area covered by a designated site? | Yes |[ ]  No |[ ]
| c) | If **YES** to either of the above, have you consulted with Natural Resource Wales for advice on the implications of your application on the protected site? | Yes |[ ]  No |[ ]
| d) | Please give either the outcome of your consultations or the reason why you have not consulted. Please enclose any relevant correspondence and **please name the relevant designated site.** |
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**Part D. Declarations**

**1. Read and sign the following declarations**

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| a) | Have **you** or your **accredited agents** or **assistants** ever been convicted of a wildlife offence? | Yes |[ ]  No |[ ]
|  | If **YES**, please give details, including dates |  |
| b) | I authorise employees or representatives of Natural Resource Wales to enter the site that is subject to this application for the purpose of monitoring and inspecting the permitted works (please place an x in the box opposite).  | [ ]  |
| c) | I have read and understand the guidance provided in this application form. I declare that the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with these particulars. If a licence is granted I agree to send to NRW a written report of the licensed activities within four weeks of the expiry of the licence. |
|  | Signature of the **Applicant** |  | **Date** |  |
|  | ***For electronic applications please insert an electronic signature above or place an x in the box opposite to confirm agreement with the declarations above.*** | [ ]  |
|  | Name in BLOCK LETTERS |  | **Date** |  |
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|  | Signature of the **Ecologist** |  | **Date** |  |
|  | ***For electronic applications please insert an electronic signature above or place an x in the box opposite to confirm agreement with the declarations above.*** | [ ]  |
|  | Name in BLOCK LETTERS |  | **Date** |  |

Part E. Checklist

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|  | Please return your completed application to the following Natural Resource Wales contact details. We would prefer an electronic submission if this is possible. If you need to send documents to us in hard copy please ensure you **submit two copies of each document.** |
|  | **Species Protection Team,****Natural Resources Wales,** **Maes y Ffynnon,** **Penrhosgarnedd,** **Bangor,** **LL57 2DW** **E-mail:** specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk**Tel. 03000653000** | **Checklist before submitting your application:** |
|  |  | Completed Application Form |[ ]
|  |  | Method Statement |[ ]
|  |  | Written authority from the land occupier/owner for NRW to enter their land for the purpose of monitoring licenced activities. |[ ]
|  |  | Copy of any permissions associated with the application  |[ ]
|  |  | Documentation from the Local Planning Authority confirming the discharge of any badger related conditions which require discharge prior to the commencement of the development.  |[ ]