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**Licence application form – badgers and forestry: non-standard operations**

**Protection of Badgers Act 1992 (as amended)**

If you need assistance filling in this form, please contact the SNH Licensing Team:

Email: [licensing@nature.scot](mailto:licensing@nature.scot) Telephone: 01463 725364

Please answer all relevant questions fully and do not defer to other attached documents.

Who should use this application form

This licence application form is for anyone who wishes to carry out forestry works (private or commercial), that are within 20 metres of a badger sett and that will cause disturbance during the breeding season\* and/or where a badger sett will be obstructed, damaged or destroyed at any time of the year.

\* Please note that where breeding can’t be ruled out, licences will only be issued during the breeding season (December to June inclusive) in exceptional circumstances. Please contact us where this might be the case to discuss before you apply for a licence.

Standard Forestry Operations

We offer a streamlined licensing process for permitting standard forestry operations (felling and harvesting) within 20 metres of badger setts between 1st July and 30th November. Please see our website for details of how to apply for a [standard forestry operations licence](https://www.nature.scot/professional-advice/safeguarding-protected-areas-and-species/licensing/species-licensing-z-guide/badgers-and-licensing/badgers-licences-land).

Amendments

If you wish to amend a current licence please email [SNH Licensing Team](mailto:licensing@nature.scot?subject=Badger%20forestry%20licence%20XXXXX%20-%20amendment%20request) with the licence reference number, the details you wish to change and the reasons for this change.

Renewals

If you wish to renew a licence that has expired within the last 18 months, you must have submitted a licence return for your expired licence before we can process your renewal. To request a renewal, please email [SNH Licensing Team](mailto:licensing@nature.scot?subject=Badger%20forestry%20licence%20XXXXX%20-%20renewal%20request), quoting your previous licence number.

Section A: Licence holder details

Please provide the name and address of the licence holder, this person will be legally responsible for ensuring that all licence conditions are met and for submitting a return to SNH Licensing at the end of the licence period.

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| **Title** |  |
| **First name** |  |
| **Surname** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Organisation/consultancy name** (if this is your work address) |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |
| **Contact telephone number(s)** |  |
| **Type of address** | **Home  Work** |

**Section B: Licence details**

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| **Name of works**  (this is how your proposed works will be referred to in all future correspondence), *(e.g. Coupe 42, North Wood)* |  |
| **Location of works**  (include site name, address, postcode, and local authority area) |  |
| **Six figure grid reference of works location** *(e.g. NX100200)* |  |
| **Proposed start date of works** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Proposed end date of works** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Date you require your licence**  (i.e. date when you need confirmation that a licence will be issued to allow preparation for the works) | Click here to enter a date. |

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| **Proposal details**  Provide brief details of the proposed works and any elements which will impact on badgers.  *(e.g. exclusion of badger setts using one-way gates to allow forestry operations including the use of a harvester within 20 metres of the setts. Sett to be reopened upon completion of works, approximately three weeks).* | |
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| **Is the works area covered by a nature conservation designation?** *(e.g. Site of Special Scientific Interest, Special Protection Area, Special Area of Conservation etc. –* [*see our website for site locations and information*](http://gateway.snh.gov.uk/sitelink/index.jsp)*).* |  |

**Section C: Activities to be licensed**

Describe all badger setts which will be impacted by the proposed works. **Please also enclose a location map, clearly showing the locations of all badger setts affected by the proposals. You are also required to submit a Badger Survey Report and Species Protection Plan with your application.** Please provide distances of the intended protection zones where the 'no works' area refers to the areas around the sett in which no access or works are permitted at any time to protect the integrity of the structures. The 'restricted works' area refers to areas where works are permitted but must be carried out in accordance with the Species Protection Plan.

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| **Sett name**  (consistent with survey) | **Sett location and grid reference** | **Type of sett** | **Status of sett** | **Number of sett entrances** | **Protection zones**  (closest distance to a sett entrance) | | **Offences** | **Works affecting badgers and their impacts**  *(e.g. disturbance, exclusion using fencing/gates)* |
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For each of the badger setts you have listed in the above table, describe the measures that will be put in place to minimise impacts on badgers.

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| **Sett name**  (consistent with table above) | **Mitigation/compensation measures**  Describe the measures that will be implemented to minimise the impact of the works on badgers or where appropriate, to compensate for the destruction of setts. |
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**Section D: Alternatives**

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| **Please provide details of any alternatives considered and why these are considered unsatisfactory** i.e. please describe why it is not possible to avoid any impacts on badger setts. |

**Section E: Overseeing works which will affect badgers**

Activities such as, obstructing, damaging or destroying badger setts, or any other situation where expert judgement or specialist technical skills are required, will only be permitted to be carried out by persons, or under the surveillance of persons, with appropriate experience (exceptions for agricultural activities).

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| **Do you intend to carry out/oversee this work yourself?** | **Yes  No** |
| **If ‘Yes’ please provide details of your experience of overseeing works which will affect badgers.** | |
| **If ‘No’, please provide details of the badger surveyor who will oversee this work** | |
| **Name** (including title) |  |
| Organisation/consultancy name (optional) |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Contact telephone number(s)** |  |
| Details of their experience of overseeing this type of work |  |
| **May we email a copy of your licence to this person?** | **Yes  No** |
| **Do you permit this person to request amendments to the licence on your behalf?** | **Yes  No** |

**Section F: Permissions and consents required for proposal**

Please provide details below of any felling licences issued, if the proposal is exempt or any other consents required.

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| **Do you have a felling licence for the area of woodland applied for?** | |
| **Yes** | **Date granted:** Click here to enter a date. |
| **Reference number:** |
| **Not required** (please explain why) |  |
| **Applied for** | **Date expected:** Click here to enter a date. |
| **Other required permission or consent** |  |

**Section G: Required documents checklist**

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| **Confirm by ticking the boxes below that all the information we require to assess your licence has been submitted with your application.**  **A valid badger survey report – accepted only if the survey was carried out within the last 18 months, and accords with current best practice guidelines.**  **A species protection plan based on the findings of the badger survey which accords with current best practice guidelines.**  **A detailed location map clearly showing the site, and/or structure(s) which will be impacted by the proposal.**  **A badger sett location map clearly showing each sett(s) which will be affected by the proposals.** |

**Section H: Declaration**

* I understand that failure to comply with any conditions included on any licence granted in respect of this application may constitute an offence under Section 10(8) of The Act.
* I declare that the particulars given in this application and any accompanying documents are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with these particulars.

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| **Date**: Click here to enter a date**.** | **Print name:**  **Electronic signature:** |

**Submitting your application form**

This application **should be submitted by email by the licence holder** as named on this licence application (in which case please print name above and a signature is not required). If this application is not submitted by the licence holder, the electronic signature of the licence holder must be inserted above, and they must be copied in to the submission email. Please email the completed application form, together with all supporting information, to:[**licensing@nature.scot**](mailto:licensing@nature.scot)

Please do not send zip files as these may be blocked by our security system and not received.

Once we have received your application, you will receive an automated email acknowledging this. Please quote the reference number given in the email if you need to contact us in relation to your application.

If you do not have access to email, you can print out and send your application and supporting information to the postal address below. Please note if you apply by post you will not receive confirmation that your application has been received.

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