

Date: 12 June 2019

Ref: [REDACTED] / Area 2 - Somerset



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Dear Licence Holder,

Supplementary Badger Disease Control licence – Authorisation letter – Ref [REDACTED] / Area 2 - Somerset

I write to let you know our findings in relation to the outstanding items listed in condition 1(a) to (e) of your licence:

- (a) The date on which your supplementary cull may start in this year's open season is [REDACTED].
[REDACTED] Let us know if you intend to start on a later date due to operational reasons.
- (b) Those authorised to take or kill badgers under your licence are set out in the list of Additional Authorised Persons provided by Natural England on **12 June 2019** (and such revisions to that list as may be agreed by Natural England);
- (c) The minimum number of badgers to be killed within your licence area during this open season is **109**;
- (d) The maximum number of badgers to be killed within your licence area during this open season is **578**;
- (e) We are satisfied that the land accessible for licensed activities is sufficient to enable the maintenance of the reduction in the badger population in your licence area.

Please note the following important points:

- (i) Natural England will keep under review all available evidence as to the level of the badger population and will monitor the culling operations. Natural England will, if appropriate, provide further advice on the level of culling effort and badger removal required to achieve an effective supplementary cull.
- (ii) Only those individuals listed in the most up to date list of Additional Authorised Persons are permitted to undertake any licensed activities by or on behalf of the licence holder. Any changes to the list of Additional Authorised Persons should be notified to Natural England in writing for consideration.
- (iii) Natural England must be informed, in writing, about any land that is withdrawn or which otherwise ceases to be eligible to participate in licensed operations.

If you have any questions about this letter contact to the Specialist Licensing team.

Yours sincerely



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