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Licence No:

S092821/1

Valid From:

30th June 2023

End of
Licensable
Works:

30th November 2023

Licence Expiry:

30th November 2024

PROTECTION OF BADGERS ACT 1992

Licence to obstruct access to, or entrance of a badger sett, disturb a badger when occupying a badger sett, to damage or interfere with a badger sett and destroy a badger sett for the purpose of development

This licence, granted under section 10 (1) (d) of the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 by the Natural Resource Body for Wales otherwise known as Natural Resources Wales, hereby authorises the person named above, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Licensee" and their Licensed Nominated Ecologist Robert Logan, Licensed Accredited Agents Joe Stevens, Zac Hinchcliffe, Andrew Hulme, Liam Quarton, Clare Dean and Kieran Love and Licensed Assistants (together known as "the Licensees") to:

1. **exclude** badgers by **permanently** closing down outlier badger sett at NGR **SJ 28519 38178** by the installation of badger gates as described in the licence application dated 15/6/2023 and supporting documents submitted with the application. On completion of works the setts are to be destroyed (see condition 92);

at **Kronospan Ltd, Maesgwyn Farm, Holyhead Road, Chirk** within the county of **Wrexham**.

This licence is valid for the period **as stated above** and is granted subject to compliance with the conditions as specified. Anything done otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the licence may constitute an offence.

When undertaking any activity under this licence the most up to date guidance provided by the Welsh Government in relation to Covid-19 must be adhered to.



Signed for and on behalf of
Natural Resources Wales

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Correspondence welcomed in Welsh and English

CONDITIONS

1. Any person intending to use this licence must ensure they have read and understood its terms and conditions prior to carrying out licensed action.
2. Prior to undertaking any activity under this licence, the Licensee will inform the Species Licensing Team at specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk of the date the works will start.
3. All the work carried out under this licence will be undertaken in accordance with:
 - **the method statement:** (Reference Kronospan Engineering Stores: badger Licence Method Statement - Version 1 - dated 24 May 23),
 - **the licence application:** dated 15 June 2023 and,
 - **associated documents and drawings.**
4. A suitably experienced Licensed Nominated Ecologist will be appointed and retained during the lifetime of this licence to provide on-site advice.
5. Prior to the start and throughout the duration of any works on site, all site workers will be inducted by the badger specialist. This induction will cover the legal status of badgers, conditions of the licence, the method of working, and action to be taken if badgers or their setts are encountered.
9. A log of visits made by the Licenced Nominated Ecologist or their Licenced Accredited Agents, and the purpose of those visits will be maintained and made available to NRW at 48hrs notice.
11. Within four weeks after the expiry of this licence the Lead Licensee shall submit to NRW details of the activities and operations undertaken by virtue of this licence on the official report form.
90. No badger (*Meles meles*) may be taken, harmed or killed in any action permitted by this licence.
91. Any holes which are left open overnight must be covered over to prevent badgers falling into them.
92. Only after the agreed period of exclusion outlined in the method statement and when the Lead Licensee is satisfied that no badgers occupy any of the setts, may the setts be permanently closed using the methods described in the method statement.
200. Any person engaged in action under this licence must carry a copy of the licence and must produce it on request to the Police or an employee of NRW or other person authorised in writing by NRW.
202. The activities hereby licensed are restricted to the **Licensees as specified on this licence.**
204. Any **Licensed Assistants**, whether employed to operate machinery or give advice, shall remain under the personal supervision of the **Lead Licensee or any Licensed Accredited Agent** at all times.
206. The Lead Licensee must keep a log of the names and addresses of any other Licensees not named on this licence and must produce this to the Police or to NRW upon request. **Within four weeks after the expiry of this licence the Lead Licensee shall submit the log of licensees not named on this licence to NRW's Species Permitting Team on specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk.**
207. Any disturbance to animals shall be kept to the absolute minimum required, so animals are not prevented from normal feeding or rest, nor disturbed during breeding or hibernation; unless permission has been granted by NRW to do otherwise. All reasonable steps must be taken to prevent accidental injury to any protected species. Equipment must be of a kind and used in a way which will avoid distress or injury.

208. Unless specified otherwise this licence does not authorise the intentional killing, taking or injuring of any protected species.
209. Any person undertaking licensed action who is not the owner or occupier of the land on which the action is taken must have the authorisation of the owner or occupier to enter that land to carry out the licensed action.
211. The **Lead Licensee** must advise NRW if there are any changes in circumstances where such changes could invalidate this licence.
218. No person convicted of an offence to which this condition applies may use this licence unless, in respect of that offence, either (1) they were dismissed with an admonition, or (2) they are a rehabilitated person for the purposes of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and their conviction is treated as spent. A person may also use this licence where, in respect of such an offence, a court has made an order discharging them absolutely. This condition applies to offences under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Deer Act 1991, the Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996, the Hunting Act 2004, the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 and the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (all as amended).

NOTES

- N1 Failure to act within the terms of this licence or failure to comply with any of the licence conditions may mean that the licence cannot be relied upon and an offence may be committed. The maximum penalty in the Magistrates' Court for an offence under the Act is an unlimited fine or a six month custodial sentence or both.
- N2. The actions authorised by this licence may be carried out within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) without the owner/occupier of the land in question needing to obtain consent under section 28E of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as substituted. However consent under section 28E of that Act may be required for any actions which are carried out in association with the exercise of this licence but not expressly authorised by it, for example the use of a vehicle in an SSSI. Any person using this licence in an SSSI is responsible for obtaining the necessary consent for any such associated actions. Failure to do so may invalidate the licence and may result in offences being committed.
- N3. This licence may be modified or revoked at any time by NRW.
- N4. Nothing in this licence confers any exemption from any legal provision contained in any Act, other than the Act(s) under which this licence is issued.
- N5. The Lead Licensee may be accompanied by the owner or occupier of the land on which this licence is exercised. In such circumstances, it will be the responsibility of the Lead Licensee to ensure that no additional disturbance is caused.
- N6. We may keep, copy, use, release or publish any information associated with the exercise of this licence, subject to any requirements relating to personal information which are contained in the General Data Protection Regulations, and subject to any requirements relating to sensitive environmental information which are contained in the Environmental Information Regulations.
- N7. As Lead Licensee you agree to complete a licence report with details of required biodiversity records collected in association with this licence. We have your permission to store, copy, use, and release or publish any biodiversity records associated with the issue of this licence. Where our policy on public access to data states that the information is sensitive, publication and access will be restricted in accordance with both the Environmental Information Regulations (2004) and our guidance on access to data on sensitive biodiversity features. We may share the biodiversity records supplied with conservation organisations selected by us. Where our policy on public

access to data states that the information is sensitive any such release will be under restrictive licence conditions in accordance with our guidance on access to data on sensitive biodiversity features. Please note that an inadequate return will prejudice future licence applications

- N8. Biodiversity records associated with the issue of this licence must be as reliable and accurate possible and collected with all necessary permissions.
- N9. We acknowledge that biological records collected in relation to this licence, unless collected under a contract (with alternate provisions relating to Intellectual Property Rights) for us or a Third Party, remain the intellectual property of the licence holder. In all cases we will seek to acknowledge intellectual property and not use any biological records collected under licence beyond the purposes stated above.
- N10. Any work undertaken must take account of biosecurity risks and measures must be put in place to ensure that you don't introduce or spread invasive non-native species (INNS), pests or disease. This [biosecurity risk assessment](#) should help you to understand and mitigate the risks on your site, and those posed by your activities.

Information, data and free [e-learning](#) on [non-native species](#) and [biosecurity](#), including for [people working in the environment](#), can be found on the [GB Non-Native Species Secretariat website](#).

You can access information about the location of invasive non-native species (INNS) by using the [NBN Atlas Wales INNS Portal](#) (a [guide](#) on how to use the portal is available).

Data on plant and tree specific pests and diseases and biosecurity is available on [NRW website](#), the [Defra website](#) or at [Forest Research](#). Free e-learning is available from the [Forestry Commission](#).

Ensure you follow the [Check Clean Dry](#) or [Keep it Clean](#) principles.

Licensees must ensure that all equipment (vehicles, tools, boots etc) that come to site, arrive clean, and are cleaned again before leaving site – this applies to all sites, not just those where an invasive non-native species (INNS), pest or disease has been previously identified. High risk sites should be surveyed / visited last during any programme of work.

Check your equipment, clothing and boots and remove any plant or animal 'hitchhikers'.

Clean equipment, clothing and boots thoroughly, remove all mud, leaves and plant debris. If it is not possible to clean on site, securely bag items and clean at a suitable location where risk of transfer of diseases is minimised. Wash vehicle tyres and wheel arches if muddy and park on hard standing if possible.

Dry thoroughly any equipment or PPE that has been in freshwater or the marine environment; some INNS can live on damp items for weeks.

You will also need to use disinfectant if you are:

- accessing farmland with stock
- coming into contact with known pathogens
- moving between medium / high risk sites in the same day
- unable to **effectively** dry (>48hrs) equipment that has been in contact with pathogens
- working during a notifiable disease outbreak situation as notified by Welsh Government.

Information on disease control and disinfectants can be found on the following websites: for [tree disease](#); for [amphibians](#); for [agricultural](#); and for [fisheries](#).

If you need any further help, please feel free to contact our [INNS and Biosecurity](#) team or our [Tree Health](#) team.

Definitions

‘NRW’ is an abbreviation of the Natural Resources Body for Wales otherwise known as Natural Resources Wales

‘EPS’ is an abbreviation of European protected species

‘Licence application’ refers to the application form, method statement and any other supporting documents (where applicable).

“Lead Licensee” this is usually the owner or occupier of the property / land or an individual that requires licensable activities to be undertaken.

“Licensed Accredited Agent” means any other person authorised by the Lead Licensee. This person must be suitably qualified, experienced and is able to carry out ecological works under a licence without the personal supervision of the Lead Licensee being present to undertake licensable activities under this licence.

“Licensed Assistant” means a person undertaking licensable activities working under the direct personal supervision of any named Licensee at all times.