

# Application Form for an EPS Licence

Please read the Explanatory Notes carefully before completing this form to ensure that you provide the right information.

EPS Licence applications using this form should be completed manually (i.e. not by electronic means) and sent to your local Forestry Commission office.

## 1. Contact details for the applicant

Please tick the box to confirm that you are the owner or the owner's authorised agent.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Forename: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like us to contact you? *please tick*  Post  Email

## 2. Property, site name and scheme reference

Property or woodland name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest town/village: \_\_\_\_\_

Local authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Full FC Reference no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Designations (e.g. SSSI, NNR, SAM): \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3. Map and photographs

Please attach a map showing the area affected and the key features. A second map may be needed to put the woodland in the wider landscape context.

Please tick the box to confirm map(s) enclosed:

Please attach suitable photographs showing a) the type of habitat involved and b) the important features of the site (e.g. suspected bat roost, likely otter holt, etc.)

Please tick the box to confirm photographs are enclosed:

### 4. Protected species

Indicate the species for which a licence is being sought:

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bat species:</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Pipistrelle spp  | <input type="checkbox"/> Natterer's       | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater horseshoe |
|                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser horseshoe | <input type="checkbox"/> Bechstein's      | <input type="checkbox"/> Barbastelle       |
|                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Noctule          | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown long-eared |                                            |
|                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____     |                                           |                                            |
- Dormouse
  - Otter
  - Great crested newt
  - Natterjack toad
  - Smooth snake and/or sand lizard

### 5. Evidence for the species being present

Is it within the known geographic range?  Yes  No

If you have any new information about the distribution of the species, please provide details:

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**Are there records for this species at this or nearby sites?**

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**What signs have been observed in the field?**

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**Have any specialist surveys been done?**

Yes

No

**If Yes, who by and when?**

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**What did they find?**

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**What habitats are present and appear to be being used?**

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## **6. Purpose**

**Which of the following purposes best describes your reason for carrying out the work?**

Overriding public interest

Preserving public health and safety

**For the purpose you have ticked please provide a brief explanation and justification (as outlined in the Explanatory Notes):**

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**What other work will you be doing to compensate for or mitigate any adverse impacts?**

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**10. Duration of licence**

**How long do you want the licence to last for?**

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**11. Declaration and approval**

**Have you previously been convicted of any wildlife or animal welfare related offences?**

Yes       No

**If yes, please provide details:**

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*I have read and understand the explanatory notes for completing this form. I declare that the information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with these particulars.*

*I authorise employees or representatives of the Forestry Commission and/or Natural England to enter the site for the purpose of assessing, monitoring and inspecting the operations.*

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** .....

**CONFIRMATION BY FORESTRY COMMISSION**

Having assessed the application and discussed it with the applicant, the FC is satisfied that:

- The species is either present on the site, or there is a high likelihood that it is and further work to prove this would not be justified or beneficial;
- The proposed work is a valid contribution to achieving the stated purpose;
- Other options have been considered and there is no satisfactory alternative; and
- The work will not be detrimental to maintaining a favourable conservation status for the named European protected species.

Signed: .....

Date: .....

**LICENCE GRANTED BY NATURAL ENGLAND**

Subject to compliance with the conditions and requirements given in Annex.

Signed: .....

Date: .....