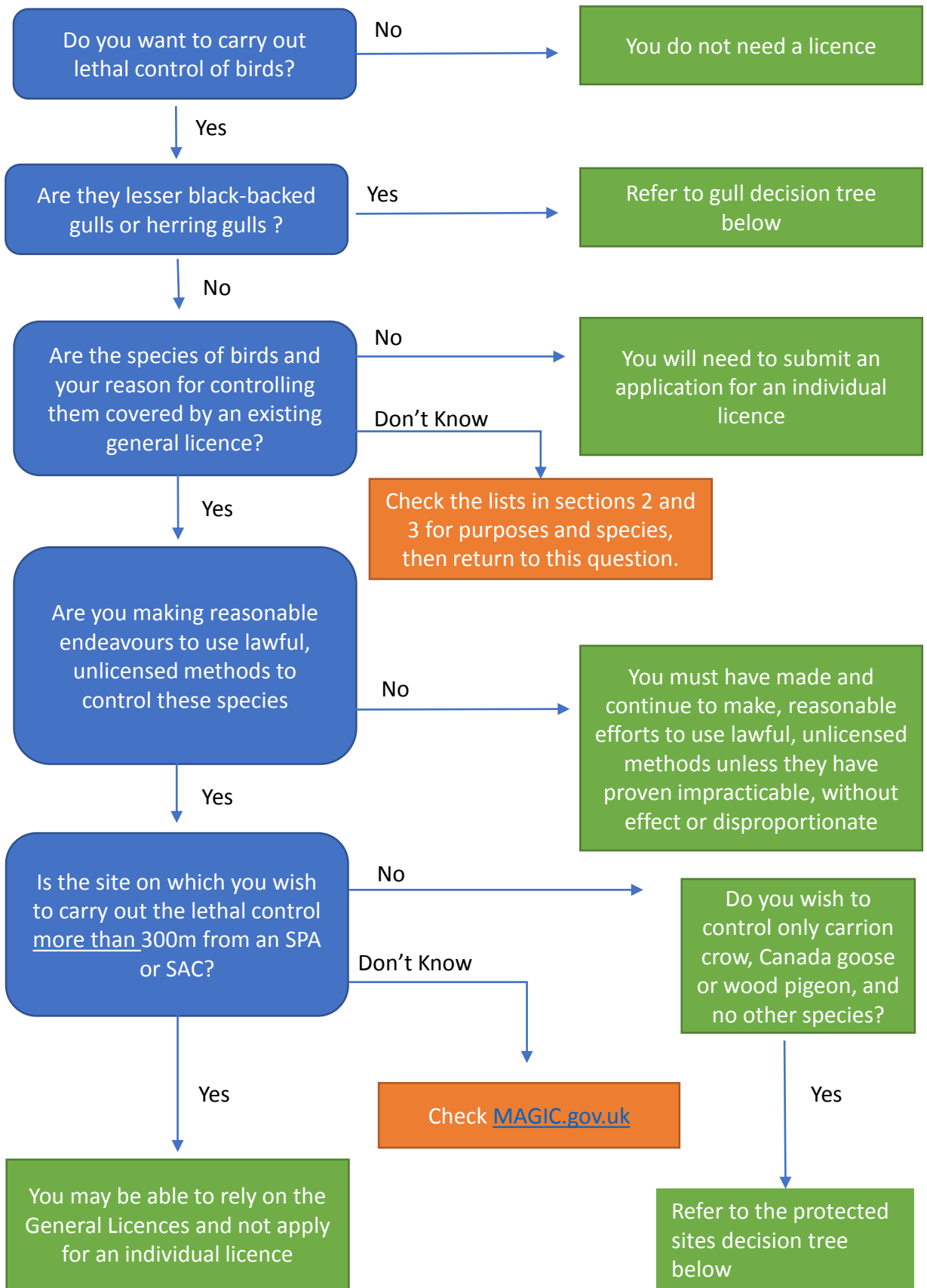


# Lethal control of lesser black-backed and herring gull and species on the general licences. Which licence should I use?

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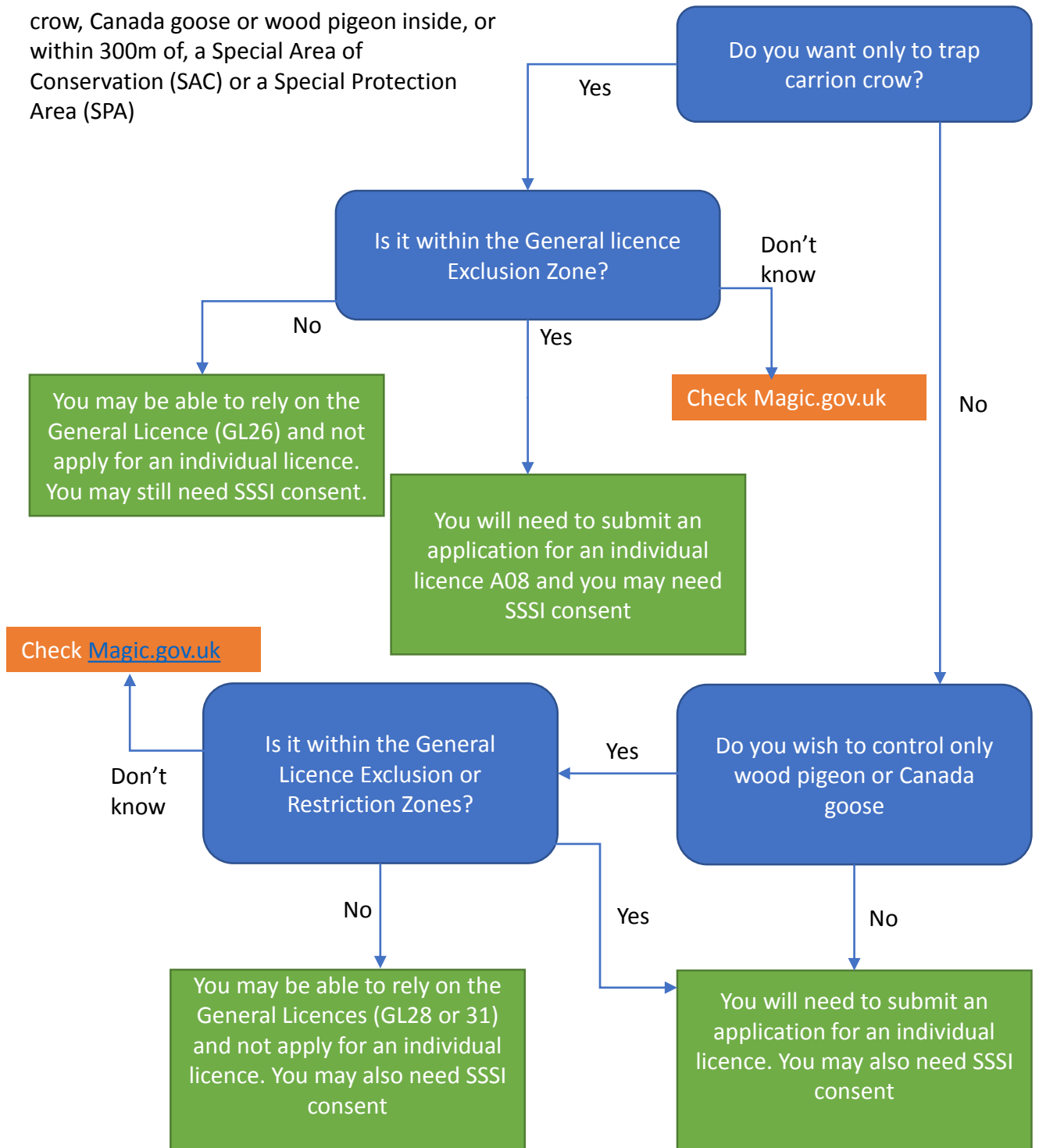
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# 1. Can I use the general licences?



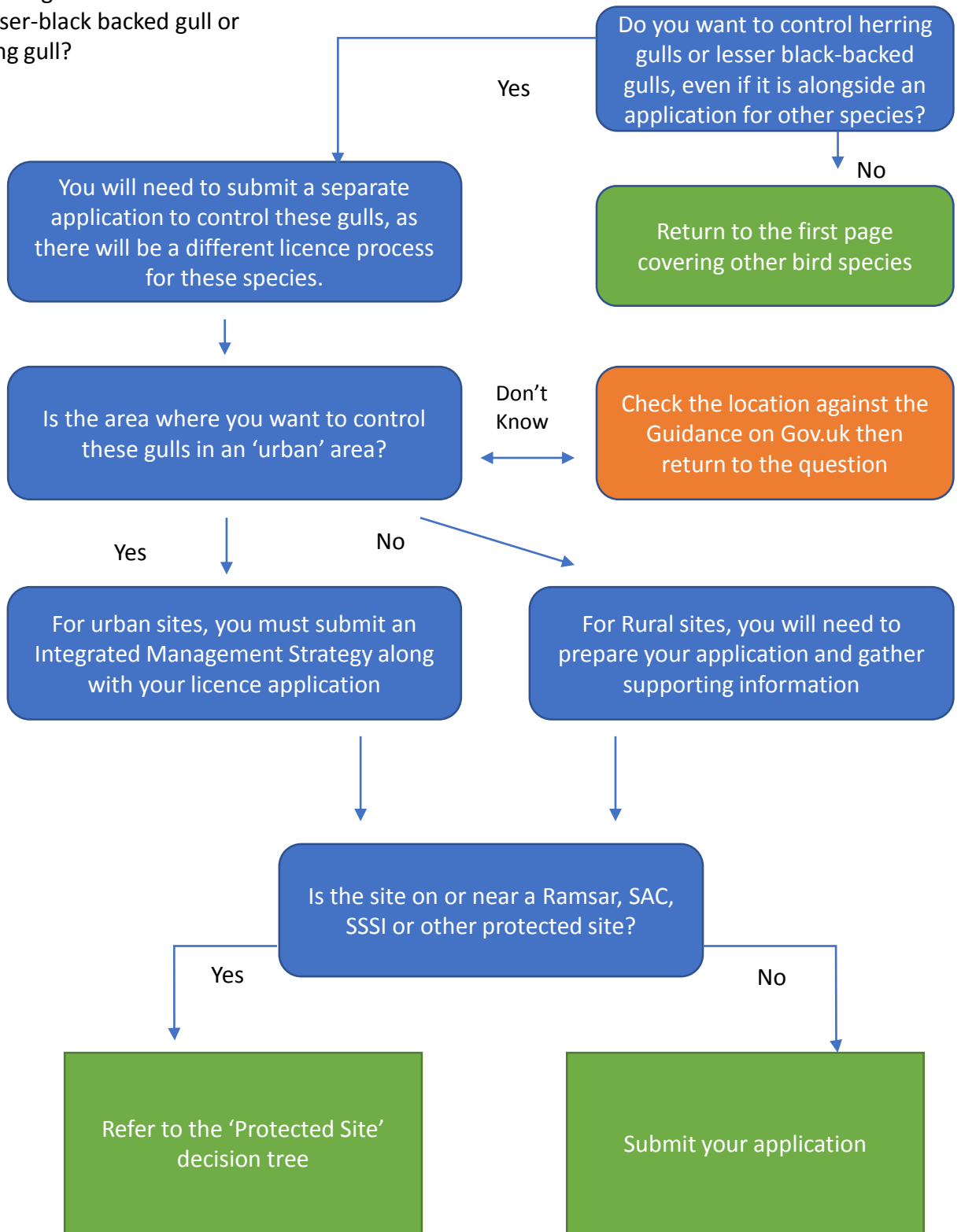
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## 2. Guidance on whether lethal control activities are within the scope of general licences 26, 28 and 31

The Defra general licences, GL34, GL35 and GL 36, cannot be used within European sites or Ramsar sites, nor within 300m of these sites. Defra has renewed the ‘bespoke’ general licences GL26, GL28 and GL31, which specifically concern carrion crow, Canada goose and wood pigeon, because they allow some lethal control within the areas excluded from GL34, GL35 and GL36.

If you wish undertake lethal control of one of these species and would like to know whether your proposals are within the scope of one of the general licences, you will need to check:

The location of your proposals in relation to the exclusion and restriction areas specified in the licences, which are summarised in table 1 below and can be viewed on the Magic website [MAGIC](#)

The purpose of your proposals in relation to the purposes specified within the licences. These are summarised in table 2 below and can be viewed in more detail on the gov.uk website

The terms and conditions of the licences, which can be viewed in detail on the gov.uk website

If you wish to carry out lethal control of carrion crow, Canada goose or wood pigeon for one of the purposes specified for each licence, and the location on which you propose to do this is not within the excluded areas, you may be able to use GL26, GL28 or GL31.

**Table 1**

**The areas excluded from each site are denoted by the symbol +**

Excluded or restricted areas	Licence		
	GLs 34, 35 and 36	GL 26 carrion crow	GL31 (wood pigeon) and GL28 (Canada goose)
European sites+Ramsar sites +300m buffer	+		
SPAs +bird SSSIs and Ramsar sites+300m buffer. Visible on <a href="#">MAGIC</a> as General Licence exclusion zone		+	+
Trapping in SACs and Ramsar sites designated for their habitats or flora. Visible on <a href="#">MAGIC</a> as General Licence restriction zone			+

1 European sites are Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)

**Table 2**

<b>Licence number</b>	<b>Summary of purpose</b>
GL 26	This licence can only be used to <b>prevent serious damage</b> to the following types of <b>livestock</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> sheep (including lambs) <input type="checkbox"/> piglets <input type="checkbox"/> domestic poultry and waterfowl and <input type="checkbox"/> reared gamebirds and wildfowl (including released birds while they are <b>kept</b> )
GL28	This licence can only be used to <b>preserve public health and / or public safety</b>
GL31	This licence can only be used to <b>prevent serious damage to crops</b> (including fruit and vegetables)
GL34	Licence to kill or take certain species of wild birds to conserve wild birds and to conserve flora and fauna
GL 35	Licence to kill or take certain species of wild birds to preserve public health or public safety
GL36	Licence to kill or take certain wild birds to prevent serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber, fisheries or inland waters

### 3. The species within the scope of each general licence

	GL34 Conservation	GL35 PHS	GL36 Serious Damage	BGL26 Serious Damage - Livestock	BGL31 Serious Damage - Crops	BGL28 PHS
<b>Carrion Crow - <i>Corvus corone</i></b>						
<b>Jackdaw - <i>Corvus monedula</i></b>						
<b>Jay - <i>Garrulus glandarius</i></b>						
<b>Magpie - <i>Pica pica</i></b>						
<b>Pigeon, Feral - <i>Columba livia</i></b>						
<b>Rook - <i>Corvus frugilegus</i></b>						
<b>Woodpigeon - <i>Columba palumbus</i></b>						
<b>Goose, Canada - <i>Branta canadensis</i></b>						
<b>Goose, Egyptian - <i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i></b>						
<b>Parakeet, Monk - <i>Myiopsitta monachus</i></b>						
<b>Parakeet, Ring-necked - <i>Psittacula krameri</i></b>						
<b>Sacred Ibis - <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i></b>						
<b>Indian house-crow - <i>Corvus splendens</i></b>						