

**Protection of Badgers Act 1992**

**LICENCE - Sett interference in relation to exclusions for development purposes (live digs included, householder applications excluded)**

This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the above legislation

Any request for information in this licence will be considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as appropriate.



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**Natural England Ref:**

<b>2020-48080-SPM-WLM</b>
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Under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 Natural England has granted this licence for Badgers for the purpose of:

**Any development as defined in section 55 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, under section 10(1)(d)**

to:

<b>Name (in full):</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Company Name:</b>	N/A
<b>Address:</b>	Eleven Brindley Place 2 Brunswick Square Birmingham
<b>County:</b>	West Midlands
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**Between the dates of:**

22 June 2020	and	30 November 2020	inclusive
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**At (locations):**

Site/Location Name	County	OS Grid Reference
North Portal	Warwickshire	SP380630

**For the following species:**

<b>Species Common Name (Taxonomic Name)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Detailed Location</b>	<b>OS Grid Reference</b>
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	N/A	Interfere with a badger sett(s)	Obstructing sett entrances by means of one-way badger gates		██████
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	N/A	Interfere with a badger sett(s)	Obstructing access to sett entrances by blocking or proofing		██████
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	N/A	Interfere with a badger sett(s)	Damaging a sett by hand and mechanical mean		██████
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	N/A	Interfere with a badger sett(s)	Destruction of the vacant sett by hand and mechanical means		██████
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	N/A	Interfere with a badger sett(s)	Disturbance of badgers		██████
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	N/A	Interfere with a badger sett(s)	Obstructing sett entrances by means of one-way badger gates		██████
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	N/A	Interfere with a badger sett(s)	Obstructing access to sett entrances by blocking or proofing		██████
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	N/A	Interfere with a badger sett(s)	Damaging a sett by hand and mechanical mean		██████
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	N/A	Interfere with a badger sett(s)	Destruction of the vacant sett by hand and mechanical means		██████

Species Common Name ( <i>Taxonomic Name</i> )	Number	Activity	Method	Detailed Location	OS Grid Reference
Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	N/A	Interfere with a badger sett(s)	Disturbance of badgers		████████

**This licence is granted subject to the licensee, including servants and named agents, adhering to the conditions and notes specified below.**

**Signature:**

████████

**Date:**

20 June 2020

(for and on behalf of Natural England)

## WARNING

- **This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992. Any departure from the conditions relating to this licence may be an offence under that legislation;**
- **This licence conveys no authority for actions prohibited by any other legislation;**
- **This licence can be modified or revoked at any time by Natural England, but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so. The licence is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information had been provided which resulted in the issue of the licence.**

## LICENCE CONDITIONS

1. These conditions apply to the licensee and any additional authorised person. The licensee and any additional authorised person(s) are responsible for ensuring that any licensed operations/activities comply with all terms and conditions of the licence.
2. The licensee and additional authorised person(s) may employ assistants to work under their direct personal supervision.
3. The licensee and any additional authorised person(s) shall permit an officer of Natural England, accompanied by such persons as he/she considers necessary for the purpose, on production of his/her identification on demand, reasonable access to the site for monitoring purposes and to be present during any operations carried out under the authority of this licence for the purpose of ascertaining whether the conditions of this licence are being, or have been, complied with. The Licensee shall give all reasonable assistance to an officer of Natural England and any persons accompanying him/her.
4. This licence does not convey any right of entry upon land, and the landowner's/occupier's prior permission must be obtained, as necessary, before the licence is used.
5. The licensee and additional authorised person(s) are responsible for ensuring that all reasonable precautions are taken to ensure that unnecessary suffering of any animals covered by this licence is avoided.

## LICENCE CONDITIONS

6. A person authorised by the licensee shall provide him/her with such information as is within his/her knowledge and is necessary for the Report, which the licensee is required to make to Natural England
7. The 'Report by licensee of action taken under licence' must be completed, even if no licensed action is taken. It must be sent to the Natural England office at the address shown on this licence, to arrive no later than 14 days (two weeks) after the expiry of the licence. Failure to make a report may result in the licence being revoked and/or any future applications being refused.

Additional condition(s):

AC01 - One-way badger gates, opening outwards must be securely installed in all sett entrances to allow badgers to exit from but not enter the sett.

AC02 - The sett must be visited at intervals of no more than three (3) days to inspect the gates to ensure that they open and close freely, and to check for signs of badgers having regained access to the sett.

AC03 - The badger gates must remain continuously in position for a minimum period of twenty-one (21) days following the last sign indicating possible access by badgers into the sett and until immediately before action is taken to close or destroy the sett.

AC04 - Un-gated entrances to tunnels which have been shown not to be occupied by badgers must be blocked or proofed against re-entry by badgers.

AC05 - Measures to exclude badgers must remain in place until immediately before sett destruction or proofing is carried out.

AC06 - All mitigation measures to be implemented as described in the method statement, HS2 North Portal Site Badger Licence – Method Statement (June 2020). Document Number: 1MC08-BBV-EV-MST-N001-TBC Approved 18/06/2020, and as agreed by email received from [REDACTED] 19/06/2020.

## NOTES

1. Natural England checks compliance with licences and the attached conditions.
2. Amendments to the list of people authorised to act under this licence can be made by completing their details on line or by contacting Natural England. Additional authorised persons must not undertake licensable activities until their name is listed on a valid licence.
3. You are advised to carry a copy of this licence with you at all times whilst undertaking licensed activities.
4. The data required in your report includes information about: Species, Date of action, Action taken, Number, County, OS grid reference and Site name. You can also send additional information. The required format of the data return can be viewed on the Natural England website. Please note the information and format may have changed from previous years.

Additional note(s):

AN01 - The 'number' of species above should read as N/A

AN02 - Refer to AC03 Badger activity at the one-way badger gates should be monitored, for example, by placing small sticks in front of and/or behind the gate, tying a fine thread across the front of the gate, or smoothing the soil or sand in front of the gate in order to detect badger footprints. If sticks are used, care must be taken that they do not obstruct access or prevent closure of the gate if disturbed.

AN03 - A written monitoring schedule of badger activity at the sett entrances should be maintained and made available to Natural England upon request.

AN04 - Heavy gauge chain-link netting or similar material should be pegged down over the surface of the ground surrounding the gated entrances to prevent the re-entry of badgers. Chain-link netting should be galvanised wire of 2.5mm gauge.

## Additional Authorised Individuals

The additional authorised individuals listed below are also authorised to act under the terms and conditions of this licence:

Title	First Name	Surname	Address Line 1	Postcode
			Eleven Brindley Place	B1 2LP
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