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INTRODUCTION

Uskmouth BESS is due for completion during 2025 and in order to complete these works certain pre-operation planning conditions specific to ecology, are required to be discharged. The relevant conditions attached to permission ref: 23/0835 are planning condition 6 and planning condition 22. The wording of each condition is provided below.

Planning condition 6:

The development hereby approved shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) prepared by RPS dated 9th November 2022. A reporting timeframe to provide fully detailed Landscape Monitoring Reports is to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to first import or export of electricity from the site and the landscape scheme shall thereafter be undertaken in strict accordance with the Landscape and Ecology Management Plan and associated reporting timeframe.

Planning condition 22:

The development shall be undertaken fully in accordance with all recommendations and mitigation measures set out in the following documents and this shall include all monitoring and maintenance requirements set out therein:

- *Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan, Uskmouth Bess”, prepared by RPS, document reference ECO02497, version 1.1, dated 24th October 2022.*
- *Ecological Impact Assessment – Uskmouth BESS”, prepared by RPS, dated 8th July 2022.*
- *Uskmouth BESS – Water Vole and Otter Report – 2”, prepared by RPS, document reference ECO02497, dated 21/10/2022*
- *Uskmouth Ecology Programme updated pursuant to email from agent dated 9/10/23 and approved pursuant to Local Planning Authority reference 23/0724*
- *Ecological Mitigation and Enhancement Plan by Tetrattech revision B 29th August 2023.*
- *Shadow Habitats Regulation Assessment v 1.1 by RPS dated 10th November 2022.*

All monitoring and maintenance related surveys will be shared with the Local Planning Authority over the lifetime of the development and a procedure for doing so shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to first import/export of electricity to the site.

The technical letter has been prepared by Associate Ecologist Sean Flynn MCIEEM CEnv and the conditions pertinent to it are provided in Appendix A.

PLANNING CONDITION 6

A reporting timeframe is provided in Table 1 below. This includes details of when the *Landscape Monitoring Reports* will be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Table 1

Reports	Licence /Report / Figure reference	Details of report	Submission timeframe
Water vole Conservation Licence	S092062-2	Report of monitoring to be provided in accordance with condition 13 of the NRW licence (see Appendix B)	October 2023 (issued to NRW October 2023), 2024 (issued to NRW October 2024), 2027, 2030 & 2033
Bat EPSL	S094351-1	Report of monitoring to be provided in accordance with condition 13 of the NRW licence (see Appendix C)	1 st April 2028
LEMP (Tetra Tech 2023) & Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan (BEMP) (RPS 2022)	784-B045841 Uskmouth BESS LEMP Dec 2023 issue	Monitoring and reporting in accordance with Chapter 7 of the BEMP and of Chapter 6 of the LEMP.	Annual management report for operational phase of development to be provided during October – December by the ecologist
Otter monitoring survey	Scheduled for October 2025	Report will detail ongoing otter monitoring for the site.	October 2025

PLANNING CONDITION 22

Reports will be submitted for the water vole, bat licenses, BEMP, LEMP and otter in accordance with Table 1 above. All monitoring and maintenance related survey reports will be shared with the Local Planning Authority over the lifetime of the development. The ecologist will submit annual reports to the LPA ecologist via email and will include any remedial recommendations as well as survey findings.

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APPENDIX A – REPORT CONDITIONS

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The report refers, within the limitations stated, to the environment of the site in the context of the surrounding area at the time of the inspections. Environmental conditions can vary and no warranty is given as to the possibility of changes in the environment of the site and surrounding area at differing times. No investigative method can eliminate the possibility of obtaining partially imprecise, incomplete or not fully representative information. Any monitoring or survey work undertaken as part of the commission will have been subject to limitations, including for example timescale, seasonal and weather-related conditions. Actual environmental conditions are typically more complex and variable than the investigative, predictive and modelling approaches indicate in practice, and the output of such approaches cannot be relied upon as a comprehensive or accurate indicator of future conditions. The "shelf life" of the Report will be determined by a number of factors including; its original purpose, the Client's instructions, passage of time, advances in technology and techniques, changes in legislation etc. and therefore may require future re-assessment.

The whole of the report must be read as other sections of the report may contain information which puts into context the findings in any executive summary.

The performance of environmental protection measures and of buildings and other structures in relation to acoustics, vibration, noise mitigation and other environmental issues is influenced to a large extent by the degree to which the relevant environmental considerations are incorporated into the final design and specifications and the quality of workmanship and compliance with the specifications on site during construction. Tetra Tech accept no liability for issues with performance arising from such factors.

APPENDIX B - WATER VOLE CONSERVATION LICENCE S092062-2

David Fisher on behalf of
Private-Energy Partners
3rd Floor, 24 Savile Row
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Greater London
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Licence No: **S092062/2**

Valid From: **14th April 2023**

End of Licensable Works: **15th April 2024**

Licence Expiry: **15th October 2033**

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (AMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990)

Licence to disturb while occupying a structure or place, and to damage, destroy or obstruct access to any structure or place used by wild animals included on Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) for the purpose of conserving wild animals

This licence, granted under Section 16(3) (c) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (amended by the Environmental Protection Act 1990) by the Natural Resource Body for Wales otherwise known as Natural Resources Wales, hereby authorises person named above hereinafter referred to as “the Lead Licensee” and persons authorised by them namely their Licensed Nominated Ecologist Sean Flynn, Licensed Accredited Agents Becky Howells, Cal Bees, Laura Grice, Mark Butler and Licensed Assistants, (together known as “the Licensees”) to:

1. **disturb** while occupying a structure or place which it uses for shelter or protection;
2. **damage, destroy or obstruct access** to any structure or place used for shelter or protection;

to disperse **Water Voles (*Arvicola terrestris*)** in advance of any works related to the installation of a Battery Energy Storage System and substation including widening and deepening of the operational drain at **Uskmouth Power Station located near Nash, Newport** within the county of **Monmouthshire**; Grid reference **ST 32950 83550**.

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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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg

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.
3. All the work carried out under this licence will be undertaken in accordance with:
 - **the method statement:** Water Vole Conservation Licence Method Statement - Uskmouth BESS, dated 06/03/2023
 - **the licence application:** signed by the applicant, David Fisher, and dated 22/12/2022,
 - **the licence amendment application:** dated 03/03/2023, and
 - **associated documents:**
 - Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan - Uskmouth BESS, Version 1, by RPS, dated 24/10/2022
 - Water Vole Mitigation and Enhancement Strategy - Uskmouth BESS, Version 1, dated 25/10/2022
 - Amendment Request Form for a Protected Species Survey, Conservation or Development Licence, signed by the applicant, David Fisher 13/02/2023 and also signed by the ecologist, Sean Fletcher, 13/02/2023
4. A suitably experienced licensed ecologist will be appointed and retained during the lifetime of this licence to provide on-site advice.
5. Prior to the start of any works on site, all site workers will be inducted by the water vole specialist. This induction will cover the legal status of water voles, the method of working, and action to be taken if water voles are encountered.
6. If the protected species listed on this licence are found during the course of work in higher numbers than stated on the application form, all work will cease and will not recommence unless it is confirmed appropriate to do so by NRW Species Permitting team or until the licensee applies for and receives an amended licence.
7. If evidence of protected species **not** listed on this licence is found, all work will cease and will not recommence until the ecologist named on the licence application (or NRW if the ecologist is not available) has advised that the work may continue under the existing licence, or if an amended licence is required, until the licensee applies for and receives an amended licence.
9. A log of visits made by the ecologist or their 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 end of licensable works date the Licensee shall submit to NRW details of the activities and operations undertaken by virtue of this licence on the official NRW report form. Evidence to demonstrate how the work has complied with the method statement, including photographs will be included in the end of licence report form.
13. Monitoring, (as indicated in Section 5.0 of the method statement, is to be undertaken in years 0 (2023), 1 (2024) and thereafter **every 3 years** until **2033**, i.e. in years **2027, 2030 and 2033**. Monitoring reports shall be completed on the official NRW Monitoring Report Form and submitted to NRW by **15 October 2023, 15 October 2024, 15 October 2027, 15 October 2030 and 15 October 2033**.
14. The results of all monitoring will be used to direct and initiate any remedial works required. Remedial works to be agreed with NRW.
100. Prior to commencement of works affecting the Boundary Ditch, a pre-works survey for water vole burrows in the central embankment must be undertaken by the Licensed Named Ecologist. Burrows should be clearly mapped and marked.
101. All works that involve vehicle tracking over the central embankment will be overseen by the

Named Ecologist. Works must stop immediately if any undiscovered burrows are identified / compromised, and an NRW Species Officer contacted at speciesteam@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk and NRW Protected Species team at speciesteam@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk for advice before proceeding.

103. Excavation work should commence at the most south-westerly end of the works area, and progress north-eastwards, to ensure all excavated silt is deposited on the bank crest and not the bank face.
104. If more than two active burrows and/or 5 individual water voles be found during the course of the works, all works must stop and not recommence until written confirmation has been provided by NRW's Species Permitting team at trwyddedrhywogaeth@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk and NRW Protected Species team at speciesteam@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk
105. There will be no tracking of plant machinery or storage of materials within 6 metres of the northern bank crest of the operational ditch
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.
201. If during the course of the works it becomes necessary to change the methodology from that submitted to the NRW as part of the licence application, all work will stop until the changes have been agreed with NRW and/or an amended licence has been received.
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.
210. If any European protected species (EPS) are incidentally captured or killed as a result of exercising this licence then NRW must be advised of that fact as soon as practicable. NRW can be contacted on specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk.
211. The **Lead Licensee** must advise NRW if there are any changes in circumstances where such changes could invalidate this licence.

212. This licence is issued for the purpose of survey to ascertain the presence of protected species. Any translocations must be coordinated with the appropriate Operational staff of NRW and will be subject to a separate licence based on a detailed method statement.
213. Any wild animal(s) taken under this licence shall be liberated at the site of capture as soon as its retention is no longer necessary. Handling should be kept to the absolute minimum necessary for examination.
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.
- 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.

- N20. A licence to photograph (including filming) water voles is not required if the photography is an incidental part of other licensed work and it causes no extra disturbance above that caused by the licensed activities.

‘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.

APPENDIX C - BAT EPSL S094351-1

Hugh Jones on behalf of
Uskmouth Energy Storage Limited
1st Floor, Stella Building
Windmill Hill Business Park
Swindon
SN5 6NX

Licence No:	S094351/1
Valid From:	9 th August 2024
End of Licensable Works:	31 st October 2024
Licence Expiry:	1 st April 2028

THE CONSERVATION OF HABITATS AND SPECIES REGULATIONS 2017

Licence to disturb, and to damage or destroy a breeding site or resting place for preserving public health or public safety, or for other imperative reasons of overriding public interest including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment.

This licence, granted under Regulation 55(2) (e) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, by the Natural Resource Body for Wales otherwise known as Natural Resources Wales, hereby authorises person named above hereinafter referred to as "the Lead Licensee" and persons authorised by them namely their Licensed Nominated Ecologist Laura Holmes, Licensed Accredited Agents Becca Grainger-Wood and Sean Flynn, and Licensed Assistants, (together known as "the Licensees") to:

disturb,
damage or destroy a breeding site or resting place of,

Lesser Horseshoe (*Rhinolophus hipposideros*) bats;

in accordance with the method statement referred to in Condition 3. whilst conducting works to facilitate the installation of a 230mw Battery Energy Storage System for a Power Station within an underground tunnel at **Uskmouth Power Station, West Nash Road, Newport, Monmouthshire, NP18 2YH**. Grid Reference: **ST 32843 83685**.

The works noted above are licensed for the period **as stated above** and are granted subject to compliance with the conditions as specified. Activities required for monitoring purposes are granted subject to compliance with the conditions and period as specified in Condition 13. 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 (see advice note in the notes section).



Signed for and on behalf of
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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.
3. All the work carried out under this licence will be undertaken in accordance with:
 - **the method statement:** 'Uskmouth BESS' V3 dated 06/08/2024,
 - **the licence application:** dated 31/05/24 and,
 - **associated documents and drawings** by Tetra Tech:
 - 1) Figure No. 5 titled 'Specification for Mitigation / Compensation Plan, Power Station (Dog Leg) - Uskmouth BESS', Revision No. A dated 24 July 2024,
 - 2) Figure No. 5a titled 'Specification for Mitigation / Compensation Plan, Power Station (Dog Leg) - Uskmouth BESS', Revision No. A dated 06 August 2024, and
 - 3) Figure No. 5b titled 'Examples Provided in Bat Mitigation Guidelines (2023) case study 19 - Uskmouth BESS', Revision No. A dated 06 August 2024.
5. Prior to the start of any works on site, all site workers will be inducted by the bat specialist. This induction will cover the legal status of bats, the method of working, and action to be taken if bats are encountered.
6. If the protected species listed on this licence are found during the course of work in higher numbers than stated on the application form, all work will cease and will not recommence until the Licenced Nominated Ecologist named on the licence application (or NRW Permitting Team if the Licenced Nominated Ecologist is not available) has advised that the work may continue under the existing licence, or if an amended licence is required, until the Lead Licensee applies for and receives an amended licence
7. If evidence of protected species not listed on this licence is found, all work will cease and will not recommence until the Licensed Nominated Ecologist named on this licence (or NRW if the Licensed Nominated Ecologist is not available) has advised that the work may continue under the existing licence, or if an amended licence is required, until the Lead licensee applies for and receives an amended licence.
11. Within four weeks after the end of licensable works date the Lead Licensee shall submit to NRW details of the activities and operations undertaken by virtue of this licence on the official NRW report form. Evidence to demonstrate how the work has complied with the method statement, including photographs will be included in the end of licence report form.
13. Monitoring (as indicated in section F.2 of the method statement) will be undertaken in winter 2025-2026 and 2027-2028 (consisting of internal static monitoring of the dogleg roost), and summer 2025 and 2026 (consisting of an internal inspection of the dogleg roost, plus an evening emergence survey). Monitoring reports shall be completed on the official NRW Monitoring Report Form and submitted to NRW by **1 April 2028**.
30. Replacement roosts will be provided as indicated in Section E.2.3 of the method statement and drawings Figure No. 5 titled 'Specification for Mitigation / Compensation Plan, Power Station (Dog Leg) - Uskmouth BESS', Revision No. A dated 24 July 2024, Figure No. 5a titled 'Specification for Mitigation / Compensation Plan, Power Station (Dog Leg) - Uskmouth BESS', Revision No. A dated 06 August 2024, and Figure No. 5b titled 'Examples Provided in Bat Mitigation Guidelines (2023) case study 19 - Uskmouth BESS', Revision No. A dated 06 August 2024, and by **31 October 2024**.
32. Following completion of works, a bat specialist will inspect the building/replacement roosts and confirm in writing to NRW that they are complete, accesses or flight routes have not been blocked or illuminated, and all mitigation has been carried out as specified in the method statement.
35. Any timber treatment products used in bat accessible areas must be from the list of approved products for use in bat roosts as detailed on the [Natural England webpage: Guidance – timber-treatment products suitable for use in or near bat roosts](#).

36. Tanalised timbers will have been treated in accordance with the relevant British Standard. The wood will only be used when properly dried and surface deposits remaining after treatment have been removed.
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.
201. If during the course of the works it becomes necessary to change the methodology from that submitted to the NRW as part of the licence application, all work will stop until the changes have been agreed with NRW and/or an amended licence has been received.
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, Licenced Nominated Ecologist or any Licensed Accredited Agent at all times.
206. The Lead Licensee must keep a log of the names and addresses of the Licensed Assistants and must produce this to the Police or to NRW upon request.
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.
210. If any European protected species (EPS) are incidentally captured or killed as a result of exercising this licence then NRW must be advised of that fact as soon as practicable. NRW can be contacted on specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk.
211. The Lead Licensee must advise NRW if there are any changes in circumstances where such changes could invalidate this licence.
212. In all cases, any conditions listed above override or supersede the provisions of the submitted method statement.
213. 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).

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- 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. The personal information on this licence will be kept and used by us in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We may discuss licence content with selected third parties. Other than stated above, we will not make the personal data on this licence available to third parties unless there is an overriding public interest. The GDPR gives you the right to know what data we hold about you, how we use it, to which third parties it is disclosed, and that it is accurate. To exercise this right please contact the Data Protection Officer at NRW.
- 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.

Licenseses 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.

N11. These derogations are granted on the basis that NRW are satisfied that:

- the proposed actions are for a purpose specified in regulation 55(2)(e) of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017;
- there is no satisfactory alternative;
- the action authorised will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.

N13. Flash photography in bat roosts or hibernacula, or entering bat roosts or hibernacula for the purpose of photography (including filming), must be specifically licensed. A licence to photograph (including filming) bats is not required if the photography is an incidental part of other licensed bat work and it causes no extra disturbance above that caused by the licensed activities. Such photography includes a) non-flash photography (i.e. using only natural light or low-level artificial light such as a domestic torch) of roosting bats and of people carrying out licensed work in and around roosts and b) flash photography in roosts and hibernacula only when no bats are present, c) photography of bats caught at traps during survey work, d) flash photography of individual bats for identification purposes or of groups of bats for survey purposes, where the licence holder considers that this would cause less disturbance than handling or prolonged illumination of bats. It is recommended that there is only one designated photographer at any one time to reduce disturbance.

N14. Licensees are expected to adhere to the Bat Conservation Trust’s advice concerning White-Nose Syndrome, see following link:- <http://www.bats.org.uk>

N15. Good occupational practice as dictated in “Immunisation against Infectious Disease” (issued by

the Department of Health in consultation with the Welsh Government 1996) suggests that bat handlers should be vaccinated against rabies. Pre-exposure immunisation with human diploid cell rabies vaccine is available free from the NHS to bat handlers.

- N21. Unless specifically authorised under this licence, implementation of surveillance / surveys required under Condition 13 shall only be undertaken by one or more individual in possession of a valid survey licence issued by NRW under Section 16(3) (a) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and Regulation 55 (2) (a) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).
- N22. Unless specifically authorised under this licence, implementation of conservation management, enhancement and/or maintenance works identified in as site management plan, method statement or at any other time shall only be undertaken by one or more individual in possession of a valid conservation licence issued by NRW under Section 16(3) (c) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and Regulation 55 (2) (c) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).
- N31. During all internal surveys that may result in Licensees being in a confined air space and/or being less than 2 meters from bats, or where methods may result in capture or handling of bats:
- The activity should be assessed to ensure it is essential and if alternative methods can be appropriately employed.
 - All activities should comply with relevant sections of the most up to date version of the IUCN SSC Bat Specialist Group (BSG) 'Recommended Strategy for Researchers to Reduce the Risk of Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from Humans to Bats AMP: Assess, Modify, Protect' ([amp_recommendations_for_researchers_final.pdf \(iucnbsg.org\)](#)).
 - Only those with up to date Covid-19 booster vaccinations should undertake activities which may result in a Licensee being in a confined air space and/or less than 2 meters from bats, or attempt any form of capture and handling of bats.
 - Any Licensee entering a confined air space and/or will be less than 2 meters from bats or attempting any form of capture or handling of bats should be required to take a lateral flow test within 24 hours prior to the activity. Any person that has tested positive for COVID-19, or come into contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 may not engage in activities until they have tested negative or 10 days quarantine has elapsed and they have not developed any Covid-19 symptoms/additional testing presents negative results.
 - Keep survey teams to a minimum number of people require to safely undertake the activity.
 - Any person who may potentially come within 2 meters of a bat or survey equipment must wear appropriate PPE i.e. mask and gloves. Face masks must filter exhaled and inhaled breath i.e. non-vented masks, N95/FFP3 etc. Disposable gloves may be worn over the top of normal bat handling or safety gloves and then safely disposed of after use. Effort must be made not to touch your face when wearing gloves and hands should be sanitised regularly.
 - Any non-disposable gloves that have been used for bat handling, bat bags, or other equipment which may come into contact with bats, must be thoroughly washed at over 40°C or disinfected between uses. Any products used to clean and disinfect equipment must be safe for use where there could be contact with animals, and used at an effective and safe dilution rate. 'Safe4' is one such product considered to be an appropriate disinfectant for this purpose, and is considered effective against the virus at a dilution of 1:50. Clean equipment will be bagged and carefully stored in order to minimise potential contamination.
 - Handling and assessment of bats should be minimised wherever possible. Captured bats will be released as soon as possible/ safe to do so. Standard practices which may increase the chance of transmission, such as blowing on bats to part fur must not be undertaken.
 - Should any bat have to be taken into captivity for any reason IUCN BSG recommendations for bat rehabilitators must be complied with.

- N32. During all works that may result in a person other than Licensee being in a confined air space and/or less than 2 meters from bats i.e. site owners/managers/construction workers being supervised:
- All activities should be assessed to ensure it is essential and if alternative methods can be appropriately employed.
 - Only those with up to date Covid-19 booster vaccinations should undertake activities which may result in being in a confined air space and/or less than 2 meters from bats.
 - Any person entering a confined air space and/or will potentially be less than 2 meters from bats should be required to take a lateral flow test within 24 hours prior to the activity. Any person that has tested positive for COVID-19, or come into contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 may not engage in activities until they have tested negative or 10 days quarantine has elapsed and they have not developed any Covid-19 symptoms/additional testing presents negative results.
 - Persons entering such locations must be kept to a minimum number of people require to safely undertake the activity.
 - Any person who may potentially come within 2 meters of a bat or survey equipment must wear appropriate PPE i.e. mask and gloves. Face masks must filter exhaled and inhaled breath i.e. non-vented masks, N95/FFP3 etc. Effort must be made not to touch your face when wearing gloves and hands should be sanitised regularly.
 - Should a bat be observed at a time when direct supervision by Licensee is not occurring, all works must stop until the Licensed Nominated Ecologist can be consulted as to the appropriate course of action. Capture of any unexpectedly located bats must not be attempted, unless the bat is in direct physical danger. Site inductions should cover when this may be appropriate and what course of action should be followed

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 Nominated Ecologist” - means the person authorised by the Lead Licensee to undertake and provide ecological expertise in relation to the species and licensable activities under this licence. They will be responsible for delivering specific elements of any licence granted in respect of the disturbance of EPS, including overseeing any disturbance, exclusion and mitigation.

“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 Licensed Nominated Ecologist 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 at all times.