

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended)

Application for a Licence - Bats

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- If completing by hand, please complete this application form using **dark ink** and **BLOCK CAPITALS**. You can complete this form on screen and save it.
- Please ensure that you answer questions fully in order to avoid delays. The completed application should be sent to Natural England (details on right).
- If you experience any problems filling in this form, please contact Customer Services Wildlife Licensing.
- **Please note that a completed application consists of this form, a Method Statement, a Reasoned Statement and supporting documentation.** Our guidance note WML-G12 [How to get a licence](#) provides detailed information to help you understand the licensing process and the information you need to provide in order to get a licence.
- Natural England will determine whether a licence should be issued within 30 working days of receipt of all necessary information.

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Case Ref No:

Charter Deadline:

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) fully protect all bats and their roosts, making it an **offence to deliberately kill, injure or capture (take) bats; to deliberately disturb bats; damage or destroy bat roosts or resting places; possess or transport a bat or any part of a bat; sell (or offer for sale) or exchange bats or parts of bats.**

Please use this application form if you wish to undertake works/activities that would affect bats and would involve one or more of the following; capture, kill, disturbance, transport and/or damage/destroy the roosts or resting places of bats.

Under Regulation 53(2)(e-g) & 53(9)(a-b) of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended), Natural England, under powers conferred by the Secretary of State, has authority to issue licences for the following purposes:

- **Preserving public health or public safety** or other **imperative reasons of overriding public interest** including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment;
- **Preventing the spread of disease;**
- **Preventing serious damage** to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber or any other forms of property or to fisheries; to allow people to carry out activities which would otherwise be illegal;

Provided that:

- There is **no satisfactory alternative; and**
- The action authorised **will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status** in their natural range.

Part A. The Applicant (the Developer or Landowner): Personal Details

These questions relate to the person who will be the **named licensee**.

As the licensee you will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the licence and its conditions.

A1. Name of Applicant			
Title	Mr	Company Name	Portsmouth City Council
Forename(s)	Kevin	Business Title	Development Manager
Surname	HUDSON		
Address	Great Western House		
	34 Isambard Brunel Road		
Town	Portsmouth		
County	Hampshire	Postcode	PO1 2RJ
Tel number	02392 841142	Mobile number	07535 664072
Fax number		Email address	Kevin.Hudson@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
If you would like us to acknowledge receipt of this application, please tick ONE of the following boxes to indicate your preferred method:			
Email	☒	Telephone	☐
Fax	☐	Letter	☐
Please tick to confirm if you are content to receive correspondence (including any licence) by email ☒			

Part B. The Ecologist: Personal Details / Experience

These questions relate to the person acting on behalf of the developer/landowner and who will support the licensee in delivering specific elements of any licence granted in respect of the capture or disturbance of bats, including the overseeing of exclusion works and mitigation.

B1. Name of Ecologist			
Title	Ms	Company Name	Atkins Limited
Forename(s)	Chloe	Business Title	Senior Ecologist
Surname	DELGERY		
Professional Memberships	CEnv, MCIEEM	(e.g. IEEM, IEMA, IES) For communication purposes	
Address	First Floor North Wing		
	2 Charlotte Place		
Town	Southampton		
County	Hampshire	Postcode	SO14 0TB
Tel number	02380 338835 (reception)	Mobile number	07803 258692
Fax number	02380 237679	Email address	chloe.delgery@atkinsglobal.com

B2. Previous Licence Experience:					
Have you <i>held or been named on a licence in the past three years for the same species and in relation to a project of a similar scale, methodology and mitigation</i> , issued by any of the following authorities: <i>Please note: survey licences alone are not sufficient as experience for this application type.</i>					
Natural England ☒		Defra ☐		Other (CCW / SNH) ☐ Please state:	
If YES , please give your last mitigation licence case reference (EPSM No) (and the licence (WLF) number if your documents included one) and the year the licence was issued.					
Case Ref:	EPSM 2013-6843A	Licence Number:	WLF	Year of issue:	2014
Please give details of your experience and qualifications <u>relevant to the species</u> listed at Part C					
Survey Licence Number:		Registered (reg no 376) under Class Survey Licence WML CL18 (Bat Survey Level 2)			
I am currently registered under class licence WML-CL18 Bat Survey Level 2 and have held a bat survey licence since February 2011. I currently work as an ecological consultant for Atkins Limited. I was trained in bat survey techniques by suitably experienced and licensed colleagues from Atkins Limited and by experienced and licensed members of my local bat groups (Hampshire and Wiltshire). I have been involved with bat work since July 2007. I became a certified tree climber in 2011 and since then have regularly been involved with the assessment of trees for their bat roosting potential, working alongside arboriculturalists and vegetation clearance contractors. From experience in the field and study of texts including the <i>Bat Workers' Manual</i> (JNCC, 3rd edition 2004), <i>BCT Bat Surveys – Good Practice Guidelines</i> (Hundt, 2012) and <i>Bat Mitigation Guidelines</i> (English Nature, 2004), I am familiar with the ecology and life cycles of bats and their various habitat requirements. I am experienced and confident in the identification, sexing and aging of bat species and the range of survey techniques required to carry out best practice surveys, including bat activity surveys, emergence/re-entry surveys, automated surveys, and roost surveys of both building and tree inspections (including the use of tree climbing). I understand the impacts of development on bats and the legislation, planning and licensing process. I have been involved in the evaluation of survey data and proposed works to provide advice regarding whether further survey work or a licence application is required. I gained experience in pre-works checks, providing tool box talks to contractors, ensuring compliance of the works with the Method Statement, problem solving and liaising with contractors and clients. I have been a bat carer for BCT since 2010, and since then have rescued several common pipistrelles (species relevant to this licence application) as well as soprano pipistrelles, brown long-eared bats, serotines, a whiskered bat and a barbastelle. I have attended the following relevant formal courses in relation to bats: • Surveying trees for bats and the Bat Tree Habitat Key, led by Henry Andrews through the Wiltshire Bat Group (February 2014) • CIEEM training course on an introduction to British Standard BS5837: trees in relation to demolition & construction (February 2014) • Bat mitigation course (success and failures) led by Sandie Sowler (December 2013) • Three-day mist netting course led by Ian Davidson-Watts (Chilmark, 2012) • BCT training course on surveying buildings for bats, including licensing (2008) • CIEEM workshop on surveying for bats and development (2007) I have also registered to attend CIEEM's course on the introduction of BS5837 - Trees in Relation to Demolition and Construction in February 2014 to further my knowledge. I have also attended several bat conferences including the third international bat conference in Berlin (March 2013) and the Nathusius' pipistrelle conference (August 2013). My qualifications include an MSc in Integrated Environmental Sciences from the University of Southampton which provided me with a sound background in Environmental Impact Assessments and environmental law. I am also a Chartered Environmentalist and a full member of CIEEM, and hold survey licences for dormouse and great crested newts. I am also an Associate member of the Arboricultural Association. I have also been gaining experience in the use of harp traps and mist nets as part of several monitoring projects with the Wiltshire bat group, and regularly participate to bat box checks. During these activities, I have regularly					

encountered common pipistrelles (as well as other species).

These opportunities, as well as being a bat carer, help me improve my handling skills, maintain species identification skills, but also continue to increase my knowledge of bat behaviour and distribution.

The following mitigation licences for which I am either the Named Ecologist (first one) or was/am Accredited Agent for (see ""), between them, cover the same species encountered at Dunsbury Hill, and involved vegetation clearance for development.

- EPSM2013-6843A – Stone Court, Sunningdale – care home development (demolition involving **common** and soprano **pipistrelles** and brown long-eared roosts)
- * EPSM2011-3904B - Mill Hill East, London – multi-phased housing development (demolition and **tree felling** involving **common** and soprano **pipistrelle roosts**).
- * EPSM2009-615A - RMSE Minley (MoD), Hampshire - Demolition of building (brown long-eared, **common** and soprano **pipistrelle roosts**);
- * EPSM2008-4B - Brompton Barracks (MoD), Kent - Demolition of buildings (**common** and soprano **pipistrelle roosts**);

(*) After taking part in the initial bat surveys, I co-authored these licences as well as monitored the works on site, and carried out the post-monitoring surveys, as Accredited Agent.

If **NO**, please complete **Section B3** below.

B3. Experience, Qualifications & References

To be completed by Ecologists who have either:

- Not held a bat mitigation licence previously, or
- Have not been named as the Ecologist responsible for undertaking the work on a licence; or
- For Ecologists applying for a bat species for which they have not previously been licensed.

Survey Licence Number:
(Note this will only apply to those licensees who are yet to be registered across to the class licence system)

Number of years licence held:
(Please also include number of years registered to use one or more of the bat class survey licences)

My personal survey licence permits me to undertake the following (tick the relevant boxes):

- Disturb bats only ☐
- Disturb and take bats (other than hibernating bats) ☐
- Disturb and take bats (including hibernating bats) ☐

Or:

I no longer hold a personal survey licence as I am registered to use (tick the relevant boxes):

- WML-CL17 Level 1 class survey licence ☐
- WML-CL18 Level 2 class survey licence ☐
- WML-CL19 Level 3 class survey licence ☐
- WML-CL20 Level 4 class survey licence ☐

Please give brief details of any other bat licences issued to you in the last three years (e.g. a conservation project licence, a bat research project licence, a licence for photography, etc).

Please give brief details of your experience on bat mitigation projects, including in what capacity you acted (e.g. accredited agent). State the site names and reference numbers of licences, the species affected and the type of mitigation involved.

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Qualifications, including any Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training relevant to the species.
References: You will need to enclose two independent, written references (originals only, not photocopies). We may contact these referees to verify their statements. • These should vouch for your suitability and competence to prepare and deliver bat mitigation projects. • They should state how long referees have known you and in what capacity. • They should provide details of your mitigation experience for the named species in this application. • They should provide details of the referees own bat mitigation experience and mitigation licence held (if appropriate): at least one referee must have held a bat mitigation licence within the last three years.
Tick here to confirm two independent references are attached? ☐

B4. Accredited Agents			
Do you propose to employ accredited agents?	Yes	☒	No ☐
It is for you to ensure that anyone you employ has suitable experience or will receive suitable training to enable them to act under this licence.			

Part C. The Application			
C1. Is this application			
In relation to a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP)?	Yes	☐	No ☒
If Yes: Please complete section C2 before moving on to C4 .			
Part of Natural England's Pre-submission Screening Service?	Yes	☐	No ☒
If Yes: Please complete section C3 before moving on to C4 .			
If this application is <u>not</u> related to an NSIP or part of our Pre-submission Screening Service please go to C4			

C2. For applications part of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects			
Is this a:			
First draft application	☐		
Subsequent draft application	☐		
Formal application	☐		
If this is a subsequent draft application or formal application please provide the case reference	EPSI		
Please now complete C4			

C3 For applications part of the Pre-submission Screening Service			
Is this a:			
First draft application	☐		
Subsequent draft application	☐		
Formal application	☐		
If this is a subsequent draft application or formal application please provide the case reference	EPSA		
Please now complete C4			

C4. Location of proposed licensed action			
Site Name	Dunsbury Hill Farm		
Site Address	Land to the East of the A3(M) at Junction 2		
	(west of Woolston Road)		
Town	Havant		
County	Hampshire	Postcode	
O.S. Ref.	SU 699 90	O.S. Ref.	
<i>For linear projects (e.g. pipelines) provide grid references for start and finish points</i>			

C5. Purpose of the licence application (tick one box only)			
Please indicate the purpose of the proposed works.			
(a)	Preserving public health and public safety. <i>(Applications for this purpose must be accompanied by documentary evidence of the risk from a chartered structural engineer, tree surgeon, police, environmental health etc).</i>	☐	
(b)	Imperative reasons of overriding public interest. <i>(Including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment).</i>	☒	
(c)	Preventing the spread of disease.	☐	
(d)	Preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber or any other form of property, or to fisheries.	☐	

C6. Purpose of the Proposed Work			
(a)	Is the proposed work part of a phased or multi-plot development?	Yes ☒	No ☐
	If Yes , please submit details with your application of any previous bat licences at the site. A master plan may also be useful.		
(b)	Please state briefly what the proposed development/application will entail (e.g. construction of warehouse; phased housing development)		
Dunsbury Hill Farm is a proposed 20.2 hectare greenfield development site in the ownership of Portsmouth City Council. A detailed planning application for an access road, and an outline planning application for the actual site development (business park) has been made and encompassed in a "hybrid" planning application. The business park will be constructed in two phases between now and 2020. Detailed planning permission for the link road and outline planning permission for the development phases was granted on the 19th February 2014. The proposed works which will be covered under this licence will involve tree felling in relation to the construction of the link road.			

(c)	Please explain briefly why it is necessary to carry out the proposed work affecting the bat species. (There is no need to repeat the detail provided in your Reasoned Statement).
It is necessary to undertake tree felling, and scrub/vegetation clearance along the route of a proposed link road which will be the main access route through the site. The link road will need to be constructed before the Phase 1 and Phase 2 business park development phases are developed, in order to gain access for construction vehicles.	
(d)	Provide a brief description of the proposed activity (e.g. exclusion of bats followed by demolition of derelict house prior to construction of replacement dwelling).
The proposed activity consists of felling of trees of various ages and species, and will include felling of one confirmed bat roost, disturbance/modification of a retained confirmed roost, as well as trees with low and moderate roosting potential, under ecological watching brief. Tree felling / tree surgery will be timed to ensure that works are completed outside of the bat maternity and hibernating seasons.	

C7. Species Present for Proposed Licensed Action			
Please put the total numbers of bats of each species that will be affected by the proposed works in the boxes. This will be the estimated maximum number that use the development site during any typical year, and that will be disrupted from using the development site, should mitigation not occur.			
COMMON PIPISTRELLE (<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>)	5	SEROTINE (<i>Eptesicus serotinus</i>)	
SOPRANO PIPISTRELLE (<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>)		BROWN LONG EARED (<i>Plecotus auritus</i>)	
NATHUSIUS' PIPISTRELLE (<i>Pipistrellus nathusii</i>)		GREY LONG EARED (<i>Plecotus austriacus</i>)	
LESSER HORSESHOE (<i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>)		WHISKERED (<i>Myotis mystacinus</i>)	
GREATER HORSESHOE (<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>)		BRANDT'S (<i>Myotis brandtii</i>)	
NOCTULE (<i>Nyctalus noctula</i>)		BECHSTEIN'S (<i>Myotis bechsteinii</i>)	
LEISLER'S (<i>Nyctalus leisleri</i>)		DAUBENTON'S (<i>Myotis daubentonii</i>)	
BARBASTELLE (<i>Barbastella barbastellus</i>)		NATTERER'S (<i>Myotis nattereri</i>)	
		ALCATHOE'S (<i>Myotis alcathoe</i>)	

Have you sent your records to the Local Records Centre?	Yes ☐	No ☒
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C8. Proposed Activities and Methods							
(a)	Please complete all relevant columns in the table below to indicate the methods you propose to use, the activity involved and the time period in which you propose to use each method. This information will be used when drawing up the licence and failure to give full details may result in an inappropriate licence being issued.						
Activity to be licensed (<i>please tick</i>)							
	Capture Bats	Kill (<i>exceptional circumstances only</i>)	Transport of Bats	Disturbance of Bats	Damage or Destroy Roost	By Method e.g. removal by hand/capture by static net	Activity Date

		☒	☐	☐	☒	☒	by hand prior to and during felling/ tree surgery	March/ April 2014
		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐		
		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐		
		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐		

(b) Briefly state how you will maintain an equivalent bat population at or near to the licensed site.

Bat boxes will be installed on suitable trees prior to the commencement of the works.

C9. Previous Mitigation on Site.

To your knowledge, does this application relate to any previously licensed 'mitigation' work on site. Yes ☐ No ☒

If **YES**, please provide the case/licence reference number(s). We will use this information, where possible, to allocate the case to an adviser who has previous knowledge of the site.

Case or Licence reference number(s):

C10. Other EPS or protected species application.

To your knowledge, is this site subject to any recent, concurrent, pending or future applications for licences for the same or other European protected species or other protected species? Yes ☒ No ☐

If **YES**, please provide details of previous or other EPS or protected species applications at this site (including case/licence reference number(s) and species). We can use this information to gain a consistent assessment of the proposals for all the species concerned.

A mitigation licence for dormouse for the proposed link road has been assessed as part of the pre-screening service (the application pack was submitted on the 10th January 2014 and a site visit was carried out by Susie Moore on the 21st January 2014, with formal feedback received on the 7th February 2014). Formal submission of the finalised dormouse licence application is imminent (scheduled for early March 2014).

The Reference for the pre-screening application is TRA2014-7009A (JD).

C11. Consideration of Designated Sites

Designated Areas: National Nature Reserves (NNR), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar sites.

(a) Will any part of the proposed activity fall within an area covered by a designated site?
 NNR ☐ SSSI ☐ SAC ☐ SPA ☐ Ramsar ☐ Scheduled Monument ☐ Ancient Woodland ☐

(b) Will any part of the proposed activity fall adjacent to a designated site? Yes ☐ No ☒

(c) If the activity falls within a designated site, have you consulted with your Natural England local team for advice on the implications of your application on the protected site? Yes ☐ No ☐

(d) Please give either the outcome of your consultations or the reason why you have not consulted. Please enclose any relevant correspondence and the name and location of the

	local Natural England adviser or reserve manager consulted.

Part D. Your Information

Using and sharing your information	
	The data controller is Natural England, 1 East Parade, Sheffield, S1 2ET.
	Your information will be stored and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. This Act gives you, as an individual, the right to know what data we hold on you, how we use it, with whom we share it and for it to be accurate. It will be used for processing your application.
	We may disclose your application and other information relating to it to third parties, such as Government departments, in order to consult them about the application. This document will be provided to them for comment by written representations.
	Natural England or its appointed agents may use the name, address and other details on your application form to contact you in connection with occasional customer research aimed at improving the services that Natural England provides to you. We will respect personal privacy, whilst complying with access to information requests to the extent necessary to enable Natural England to comply with its statutory obligations under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
If you believe that any of the information we hold concerning you is incorrect or out of date, please provide us with the accurate information in writing together with supporting evidence (if appropriate). The contact is given at page 1 or Email to - wildlife@naturalengland.org.uk	

D1.	Have you, or any persons named in this form, been convicted of any wildlife or animal welfare related offences?	Yes	☐	No	☐
If YES , please give details, including dates.					

D2.	I have read and understand the guidance provided in WML-G12 How to get a licence . I declare that the particulars given are 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 Natural England to enter the site which is subject to this application for the purpose of monitoring and inspecting the permitted activities. Note: Statutory Undertakers should provide documentary evidence of the legal powers used to gain access to land.		
Developer/Land Owner:			
Signature:		Date	
For electronic applications, please insert an electronic signature above or tick this box to confirm agreement with this declaration			☐
Name (BLOCK LETTERS)			
Ecologist:			
Signature:		Date	
For electronic applications, please insert an electronic signature above or tick this box to confirm agreement with this declaration.			☒
Name (BLOCK LETTERS)		CHLOE DELGERY	

IMPORTANT ADVICE

- Natural England or the Secretary of State can modify or revoke at any time any licence that may be issued but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so. Any licence that is issued is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information had been provided which resulted in the issue of a licence.
- Under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended), any person who in order to obtain a licence knowingly or recklessly makes a statement or representation, or furnishes a document or information which is false in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and may be liable to criminal prosecution. Any person found guilty of such offences is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000), or to both.