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| **AFB-01 Application form for a licence to kill or take certain wild birds or to take or destroy their nests or eggs under**  **Section 16 (1) (c), (cb), (d), (i), (j) and (k) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).** | |
| **NOTES FOR GUIDANCE -** Please read the following notes carefully. | |
| 1. | This application form is for a specific licence to kill or take wild birds under Section 16 (1) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Proposed Lead Licensees are advised to check if they are able to act under a NRW general bird licence before applying by visiting our website [www.naturalresources.wales](http://www.naturalresources.wales) |
| 2. | Natural Resources Wales (NRW), in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 16 (1) c, cb, d, i, j and k of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, may issue licences to permit the killing or taking of wild birds, **provided that there is no other satisfactory solution.** |
| 3. | Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (WCA) failure to comply with the terms of a Licence may make the licensee liable to prosecution for an offence. |
| 4. | Licences will normally only be granted to the owner or occupier of the land where action will be taken, or a person authorised by the owner or occupier. |
| 5. | Proposed Lead Licensees must provide detailed evidence of the problem that is occurring, or is likely to occur, which requires action to be taken against wild birds. This may include evidence gathered from previous years’ experiences and any information about the current numbers of birds present. **Photographic or video evidence should be provided, unless there is a valid reason for not doing so.** |
| 6. | Technical staff from NRW or their agents may visit the site where the action is intended to be taken during the assessment of an application to verify the information provided on the application form and to discuss what preventative measures are currently employed or have been used in the past. **No licences will be granted unless non-lethal deterrent are in operation where it is reasonable and practicable for this to be done.** |
| 7. | If the land where the licence would be used lies within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), in addition to obtaining a licence to control birds, the owner or occupier of the land may need to obtain separate consent from NRW under section 28E of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as substituted) for operations which are anticipated in connection with the exercise of the licence. This applies to operations which are not expressly permitted under the licence and which are notifiable operations in relation to the SSSI, for example the use of vehicles or clearance of vegetation for the purpose of installing traps. In these circumstances, unless the owner or occupier already has the necessary consents, they should give notice to NRW as soon as possible about any such operations, Owner/occupiers are advised not to await the outcome of the licence application before notifying NRW. |
| 8. | All questions in this application form must be completed unless otherwise stated: failure to provide adequate information will delay the processing of your application. Any further information you wish to provide should be appended on additional sheets. Upon receipt of all the information requested, we aim to process applications within our service level agreements. We cannot guarantee an earlier response. Our service level agreements can be found at <https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/species-licensing/our-service-level-agreements/?lang=en> |
| 9. | It is a condition of any licence issued that a report of the work carried out under the licence is submitted within four weeks after the expiry of the licence. Report Form RFB01 can be found on our website. |
| 10. | Applications are dealt with in the order they are received, not according to the requested timing of the operations. Please submit your application in good time before you need to carry out the proposed operations. If you think your application needs to be dealt with urgently, please ring us to discuss and agree this before its submission. |
| 11. | NRW can modify or revoke any licence. This will only be done if there are valid reasons for doing so. Any licence issued will be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information had been provided which resulted in the issue of the Licence. |
| 12. | The information provided by you will be processed by NRW under the General Data Protection Regulation. This will enable us to process your application; to monitor compliance with any permit conditions; to process renewals, and to maintain the relevant public register.  We will use the information you provide in connection with the following:   * Consultation with third parties who are relevant and responsible for responding to consultation requests from NRW to enable us to process your application * Carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on environmental issues * Providing public register information for enquiries * Preventing and investigating possible breaches of environmental law and taking any resulting action; * Responding to requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.   Note, that the above is not an exhaustive list and NRW may use the data provided in connection with the application in other ways, as considered appropriate  **We would also like to send you details about other topics we think may be of interest to you such as NRW news; services relating to environmental matters; asking for your feedback on our service; and more useful information.**  **If you consent to receiving further information from us, please tick the following box to confirm**  Yes, I would like to receive additional information from NRW relating to environmental matters □    **Please note we may pass the information on to our agents or representatives to carry this out for us**  If you have any further queries or concerns, please contact [dataprotection@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk).  For further information on the processing of your personal details please see our [Privacy Notice page](https://naturalresources.wales/privacy) |
| 13. | Any information included in this application which the proposed Lead Licensee or Licensed Authorised Persons consider to be in confidence for commercial or industrial reasons or intellectual property must be clearly marked as such. |
| 14. | In this document “NRW” means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012. The Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2013 transferred the relevant functions of the Countryside Council for Wales, and functions of the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission in Wales to the Natural Resources Body for Wales. |

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| **Information for completion of an application form:** | |
| 1. | If the document is being handwritten please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS.** |
| 2. | Please answer **ALL** questions fully**.** Incomplete answers will mean delays in your application being processed. |
| 3. | Applications can be accepted **either** electronically **or** by post (electronic is our preferred option).  **Electronic applications –** E-mail Applications to: [specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk). (**There is no need to send hard copies by post**.)  **Postal Applications**  Please post your signed application form to: **Species Permitting Team, Natural Resources Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, LL57 2DW** |
| 4. | We will aim to send an acknowledgement of receipt of your application within 5 working days. |
| 5. | NRW aims to determine applications within **our service level agreements** from date ofreceipt of a completed application form and the required associated information. If we require further information from you during the determination period, for whatever reason, this could delay the determination period. Our service level agreements can be found at <https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/species-licensing/our-service-level-agreements/?lang=en> |
| 6. | If you have provided an email address, all correspondence sent to you from NRW will be via e-mail. If an e-mail address has not been provided, we will contact you in writing through the post. Please note that this may delay your application due to postal delivery times. |

1. **Proposed Lead Licensee Details**

This section relates to the person who will be the named Lead Licensee. The Lead Licensee must be a named individual; company names and multiple individuals are not permitted. **The Lead Licensee must be the owner/occupier of the site/land in question or a representative of the owner/occupier. If the Lead Licensee is employing a third party e.g. pest control services, they should be named as ‘Licensed Authorised Persons’ in section 2.** Please provide a full name, not initials.

**Lead Licensee Contact Details**

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| Title | Forename(s) | | | | Surname | |
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| Business Title (if appropriate) | | |  | | | |
| Company Name (if appropriate) | | |  | | | |
| Address | | |  | | | |
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| Postcode | | |  | | | |
| Email address | | |  | | | |
| Telephone number  (incl. national dialling code) | |  | | | Mobile. Number |  |
| Are you intending to undertake the licensable activities yourself, or will you be using one or more Licensed Authorised Persons (for example contractor, pest controller, gamekeeper etc)? | | | | | | |
| Myself | | | | Licensed Authorised Person | | |

### 2. Licensed Authorised Person(s)

Licensed Authorised Persons can be authorised by the Lead Licensee to undertake licensable activities on their behalf. . If you intend to employ a Licensed Authorised Person(s) please provide their details in the tables below (for example, pest control companies or land agents). **If you do not intend to employ Licensed Authorised Persons, please proceed to section 3.**

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### 3. Previous Applications

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| a. | Has the Lead Licensee previously applied to NRW for a licence to kill/take birds or to take/destroy eggs or nests? (please insert an **x** as appropriate) | Yes |  | No |  |
| If **YES,** please state below the related species and the methods that were used | | | | |
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| b. | Please state the date of the most recent Application |  | | | |
| c. | Was the Licence granted? (please insert an **x** as appropriate) | Yes |  | No |  |
| If **YES,** please provide the Licence Reference Number: |  | | | |

**4. Proposed Activity**

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|  | **Please place a cross in the box below that describes the land use where the licence will be**  **Used (you can select more than one if necessary):** | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Agriculture - Crops | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Agriculture - Livestock | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Agriculture - Fruit | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Agriculture - Vegetables | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Forestry | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Urban | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Industrial/commercial | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Domestic property | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Food production/storage | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Park or recreational ground | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Nature conservation | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Other (Please specify) |  | | | | | | | | | |
| **Please place a cross in the box below that describes the purpose for control (you can select more than one if necessary)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Prevent serious damage to livestock | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Prevent serious damage to foodstuffs/feed for livestock | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Prevent serious damage to crops | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Prevent serious damage to fruit | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Prevent serious damage to vegetables | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Prevent serious damage to growing timber | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Preventing disease (crops and vegetables) | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Preventing disease (livestock) | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Preventing disease (Human) | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Preserving public health | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Preserving public safety | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Preserving air safety | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Conserving wild birds | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Conserving fauna (other than birds) | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Conserving flora (other than crops, vegetable or fruit) | | | | | | | | | | |
| b. | Please provide details and evidence of the nature and extent of the problem being caused or the problem that is likely to be caused  If the purpose of your application is to prevent damage or potential damage, the damage must be serious, which means more than mere nuisance, minor damage or normal business risk. Include details of the extent and nature of damage and how this is being caused by the wild bird species which you are applying to control.  If the purpose of your application is to preserve public health or prevent the spread of disease please provide details of the particular health problem, disease or risk causing the problem.  If the purpose of your application is to conserve wild birds, other animals or plants please provide details of the species whose conservation is intended to benefit from controlling the wild bird species which you are applying to control.  **Photographic or video evidence should be included to support your application, unless there is a genuine reason for not doing so. If photographic or video evidence cannot be provided, please state why.** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| c. | Please state the time of year when the problem occurs. | | | | |  | | | | | |
| d. | Please indicate the approximate **number of each species of wild bird** that are causing the problem. | | | | | **Species** | | | | **Number** | |
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| e. | Please indicate below the species to be controlled, the method of control and the total number of each species to be controlled. | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Species (use a separate box for each species below)** | | **Action (place an x in the relevant boxes below)** | | | | | | | | | |
|  | |  | | | Kill adult birds  Take adult birds and release alive  Kill chicks  Take chicks and release alive  Take, damage or destroy nest  Take or destroy eggs | | | | Number of birds | |  |
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| Number of chicks | |  |
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| f. | **Please indicate below the methods you wish to use to control wild birds (tick all that apply)** | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Shooting | | **Type of firearm:**  shotgun  single shot firearm  semi-automatic weapon  air gun | | | | | | | | |
|  | By hand | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Hand-held/propelled nets | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Trapping | | | Type of trap: | | | | | | | |
|  | Other (please specify) | | | Other: | | | | | | | |
| **Specialist Methods (if you do not wish to use these methods please proceed to section 5)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Mist Netting  Use of stupefying baits | | | Have you passed a formal training course on mist netting/use of stupefying baits that included a practical content within the last 2 years? | | | | | | | |
| Yes | | | | No | | | |
| g. | If you have attended a training course, please provide details of the course including date, location and provider: | | | | | | | | | | |
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| h. | If you have not passed a training course within the last two years, have you previously held a Licence and undertaken at least one treatment using the method stated above within the last 2 years? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | | | | | | | No | | | | |
| i. | If the answer to the above is “Yes”, please provide details: | | | | | | | | | | |
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**5. Alternative non-lethal methods tried**

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| P**lease identify from the list below the techniques that you have attempted or considered where relevant to your situation and explain how these have been or would be ineffective or impractical.** Note that in considering whether or not to grant a licence, NRW needs to be satisfied that there is no other satisfactory solution other than to grant a licence | | | | | |
|  | | | | **Details of the method used or considered (include longevity of method and frequency)** | **Efficacy of the method (eg effective, ineffective, impractical)** |
| **Visual Deterrents** | | | |  |  |
|  | | Visual presence of humans/dogs | |  |  |
|  | | Mannequins or scarecrows | |  |  |
|  | | Models of predatory birds / models that look like corpses | |  |  |
|  | | Falconry | |  |  |
|  | | Kites or helium balloons | |  |  |
|  | | Radio-controlled model aircraft or drones | |  |  |
|  | | Dazzling devices (e.g. mirrors, reflectors or reflective tape) | |  |  |
|  | | Flags, rags, streamers or windmills | |  |  |
|  | | Flashing lights or lasers | |  |  |
|  | | High pressure water jets | |  |  |
|  | | Dyes, colourants and turbidity (to deter birds from bodies of water) | |  |  |
| **Auditory Deterrents** | | | |  |  |
|  | | Fireworks | |  |  |
|  | | Gas Cannons | |  |  |
|  | | Shooting to scare with firearms using blank ammunition | |  |  |
|  | | Bioacoustics (predator or distress/alarm calls) | |  |  |
|  | | Other sound producing objects (e.g. windmills or tapes that “hum” in the wind | |  |  |
| **Exclusion Techniques** | | | |  |  |
|  | | Netting | |  |  |
|  | | Ropes and wires | |  |  |
| **Other deterrents** | | | |  |  |
|  | Modification of target birds’ habitat | |  | |  |
|  | Removing potential food sources | |  | |  |
|  | Removing availability of perching, breeding or roosting sites on buildings | |  | |  |
|  | Coppicing or pruning of trees to make them less attractive to birds | |  | |  |
|  | Chemical application | |  | |  |
|  | Diversionary feeding | |  | |  |
|  | Other (please specify | |  | |  |

**6. Future management of the problem**

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| Please provide details of any non-lethal alternative methods you intend on using to prevent the same problem from happening in the future or to reduce the scale of the problem: |
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**7. Duration and location**

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| a. | Please provide the dates for which you would like the licence to be valid. **(please note licences are issued for a maximum of 12 months)** | | **FROM** |  | **TO** | |  | | |
| b. | Please provide the location of proposed licensed action below | | | | | | | | |
|  | Site name and address |  | | | | | | | |
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| Town |  | | | | | | | |
| County |  | | | | | | | |
| Nearest Postcode |  | | | | | | | |
| O.S. Ref.(e.g. ST 12345 12345) |  | | | | | | | |
| Field Numbers: (if appropriate) |  | | | | | | | |
| c. | Please attach an annotated map of suitable scale showing the area where the problem is occurring (including locations of birds/nests) / or a GIS layer such as ‘Shapefile’ if available. **Please place an x in the box opposite to confirm that you have attached a map.** | | | |  | | | | |
| d. | Is the Lead Licensee the owner or occupier of the land referred to in **Question 7, b).** | | | | Yes |  | | No |  |
| If **NO,** please provide below, the position the lead licensee holds in relation to this land and please attach the owner or occupiers written consent for you to make this Application. | | | | | | | | | |
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**8. Consideration of Designated Sites**

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| **Designated Sites:** Local Nature Reserves (LNR), National Nature Reserves (NNR), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar sites. | | | | | | | |
| a. | Will the proposed action take place within an area covered by a designated site? | Yes |  | | No |  | |
| b. | Will any part of the proposed activity take place adjacent to an area covered by a designated site? | Yes |  | | No |  | |
| c. | If NO to both questions a and b, proceed to section 9. If YES to either question a or b, please provide the name(s) of the site(s) concerned: | | | | | | |
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| d. | Have you consulted with NRW on the implications of your application on the designated site(s) concerned? | Yes | |  | No | |  |
| e. | If yes, please provide the name of your contact in NRW and the outcome of your consultations, and please enclose any relevant correspondence. If no, please explain why you have not consulted. | | | | | | |
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**9. Handling your Information**

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| a. | The information requested in this application form will capture personal data about you and the Licensed Authorised Persons named in section 2 (if applicable) – for example, your name and address. Your personal data will be managed and used by the NRW in accordance with relevant data protection legislation. For more information please see the Notes for Guidance at the beginning of this form. | | | | |
| b. | Do you and the Licensed Authorised Persons named in section 2 (if applicable) give your consent to the disclosure of information provided in connection with this application? Your personal and financial information not relating to the environment will not be disclosed | Yes |  | No |  |

**10. Declarations**

Read the following carefully, place an X in the appropriate boxes and provide a signature and date.

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| a. | Has **anyone named** **in section 1 or section 2 of this application** ever been convicted of a wildlife offence?  A wildlife offence is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, the Protection of Badgers Act 1992, the Deer Act 1991, the Hunting Act 2004, the Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996, the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and the Protection of Animals Act 1911 (all as amended). You do not have to declare a previous conviction if you are: (1) a rehabilitated person for the purposes of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and your conviction is treated as spent; or (2) in respect of such an offence, a court has made an order discharging you absolutely. | | | Yes |  | | | No |  |
| If **the answer above is yes, please provide details:** | | | | | | | | |
| (If applicable) I have the permission of all Licensed Authorised Persons listed in section 2 of this application form to provide NRW with their name and details for the purpose of the application | | | | |  | | | |
| b. | (If applicable) I give permission for the Licensed Authorised Person(s) named in section 2a of this form to submit the licence application on my behalf | | | | |  | | | |
| c. | (If applicable) I give permission for NRW to send any correspondence relating to this application to the Lead Licensee as well as the Licensed Authorised Person(s) named in section 2 | | | | |  | | | |
| d. | I authorise employees or representatives of NRW Natural Resources Wales to enter the site identified in section 6 of this application for the purpose of monitoring and inspecting the licensed activity | | | | |  | | | |
| e. | I have read and understand the guidance provided in this application form. 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. If a licence is granted I agree to send a written report to NRW of the licensed activities within four weeks of the expiry of the licence.  ***NB****. it is an offence under the Wildlife* *and Countryside Act 1981 to knowingly or recklessly provide false information in order to obtain a licence.* | | | | |  | | | |
| f. | Signature of the **Lead Licensee** |  | **Date** | | |  | | | |
| ***For electronic applications please insert an electronic signature above or place an x in the box opposite to confirm agreement with the declarations above.*** | | | | | |  | | |
| Name in BLOCK LETTERS |  | | | | | | | |

Return Address

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| Please return your completed application to the following address. Electronic submissions are preferred. |
| **E-mail:** [**specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk**](mailto:specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk)  **OR by post:**  **Species Permitting Team,**  **Natural Resources Wales,**  **Maes y Ffynnon,**  **Penrhosgarnedd,**  **Bangor,**  **Gwynedd,**  **LL57 2DW**  **Tel. 03000653000** |