**Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)**

**LICENCE - Mitigation**

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

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

| **Natural England Ref:** | **2019-43358-EPS-MIT** |
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Under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) Natural England has granted this licence for Bats for the purpose of:

**Imperative reasons of overriding public interest including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment, under section 55(2)(e)**

to:

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| **Name (in full):** | Mrs Kate Redfern |
| **Company Name:** | N/A |
| **Address:** | Sandon Bury Farm<br>Sandon<br>Buntingford |
| **County:** | Hertfordshire |
| **Postcode:** | SG9 0QY |

**Between the dates of:**

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| 07 November 2019 | and | 03 November 2024 | inclusive |

**Project Description:**

Licensable activities associated with development works consented under reference number 18/00584/FP & 18/00585/LBC

**At (locations):**

| Site/Location Name | County | OS Grid Reference |
|---|---|---|
| Sandon Bury Farm | Hertfordshire | TL323344 |

**For the following Species; activities and methods:**

| Species Common Name *(Taxonomic Name)* | Activity | Method |
|---|---|---|
| Brown long-eared *(Plecotus auritus)* | Capture; Damage breeding site; Destroy breeding site; Destroy resting place; Disturb; Transport | By endoscope; By hand; Destructive search by soft demolition; Disturbance by illumination; Disturbance by noise or vibration; Permanent exclusion |
| Barbastelle *(Barbastella barbastellus)* | Damage resting place | By hand; Destructive search by soft demolition; Disturbance by illumination; Disturbance by noise or vibration; Permanent exclusion |
| Common pipistrelle *(Pipistrellus pipistrellus)* | Capture; Destroy resting place; Disturb; Transport | By endoscope; By hand; Destructive search by soft demolition; Disturbance by illumination; Disturbance by noise or vibration; Permanent exclusion |
| Natterer's *(Myotis nattereri)* | Capture; Damage breeding site; Damage resting place; Destroy resting place; Disturb; Transport | By endoscope; By hand; Destructive search by soft demolition; Disturbance by illumination; Disturbance by noise or vibration; Permanent exclusion |

**For the following licensable activities and maximum numbers:**

| Licensable Activity | Permitted Species Common Name | Maximum Number |
|---|---|---|
| Capture | Brown long-eared | 5 |
| | Common pipistrelle | 3 |
| | Natterer's | 5 |
| Damage breeding site | Brown long-eared | See Additional Condition for details |
| | Natterer's | See Additional Condition for details |
| Damage resting place | Barbastelle | See Additional Condition for details |
| | Natterer's | See Additional Condition for details |
| Destroy breeding site | Brown long-eared | See Additional Condition for details |
| Destroy resting place | Brown long-eared | See Additional Condition for details |
| | Common pipistrelle | See Additional Condition for details |
| | Natterer's | See Additional Condition for details |
| Disturb | Brown long-eared | Not Specified |
| | Common pipistrelle | Not Specified |

| Licensable Activity | Permitted Species Common Name | Maximum Number |
|---|---|---|
| Disturb | Natterer's | Not Specified |
| Transport | Brown long-eared | 5 |
| | Common pipistrelle | 3 |
| | Natterer's | 5 |

## PLEASE NOTE

The maximum number(s) stated in the above table refers to the maximum number of individuals of the stated species that can be captured or transported under the terms of this licence and the maximum number/s of resting places or breeding sites that can be damaged or destroyed under this licence (if applicable). Maximum numbers cannot be specified and do not apply to disturbance activities. Where applicable, please also refer to the special conditions outlined in your licence Annex for further details on how this/these maximum number(s) applies/apply to the activities permitted under your licence.

**This licence is granted subject to the licensee, including servants and named agents, adhering to the conditions and notes specified below and to the activities agreed in the Method Statement, or Annex and Work Schedule, between the licensee and Natural England. The Method Statement, or Annex, for the mitigation scheme is appended to this licence. The following person is authorised to act on behalf of the licensee:**

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| **Consultant Name:** | Doctor Duncan Painter |
| | St Johns Innovation Centre<br>Cowley Road<br>Cambridge |
| **County:** | Cambridgeshire |
| **Postcode:** | CB4 0WS |

**Signature:** Sarah Tarrant **Date:** 07 November 2019

*(for and on behalf of Natural England)*

## WARNING

- **This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). Any departure from the conditions relating to this licence may be an offence under that legislation;**
- **This licence conveys no authority for actions prohibited by any other legislation;**
- **This licence can be modified or revoked at any time by Natural England, but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so. The licence is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information had been provided which resulted in the issue of the licence.**
- **Bodies corporate and their directors/secretaries are liable for offences under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).**

## LICENCE CONDITIONS

1. The licensee is responsible for ensuring that operations comply with all terms and conditions of the licence.

2. While engaged in the activities to which this licence applies the licensee shall make a copy of the licence (including any Annex and Work Schedule if applicable) available for inspection on each site where the activities are taking place and shall produce it on demand to any constable or an officer of Natural England.

3. No agent of the licensee shall carry out any of the activities to which this licence (including any Annex and Work Schedule if applicable) applies unless authorised in writing by the licensee, appointing them the licensee's agent. The agent shall make a copy of the authorisation available for and shall produce it on demand to any constable or officer of Natural England.

4. The licensee must submit a written report of actions taken under the licence (including any Annex and Work Schedule if applicable), even if no action is taken, and send it to the Natural England officer at the address shown at the top of the report form, to arrive not later than 14 days (two weeks) after the expiry of the licence. Failure to make reports may result in the licence being revoked and/or the refusal to grant subsequent licences. Please note some licences may have additional reporting requirements specified in an attached Annex.

5. It is a condition of the licence (including any Annex and Work Schedule if applicable) that any post development monitoring data (e.g. survey data and habitat assessment) including nil returns are submitted to Natural England to arrive no later than 14 days (two weeks) after the expiry of the licence or as specified in any Annex. Post development survey data (except nil returns) must also be sent to the relevant Local Biological Records centre within this time period.

6. A person authorised by the licensee shall provide him/her with such information as is within his/her knowledge and is necessary for the report, which the licensee is required to make to Natural England.

# LICENCE CONDITIONS

7. The licensee shall permit an officer of Natural England, accompanied by such persons as he/she considers necessary for the purpose, on production of his/her identification on demand, reasonable access to the site for monitoring purposes and to be present during any operations carried out under the authority of this licence for the purpose of ascertaining whether the conditions of this licence are being, or have been, complied with. The licensee shall give all reasonable assistance to an officer of Natural England and any persons accompanying him/her.

8. The licensee, including servants and named agents, must adhere to the activities; the licensable methods; the numbers per species (if relevant) and the timescales agreed between the Licensee and Natural England in the Method Statement or, if applicable, in the Annex and Work Schedule attached to the licence.

9. All activities authorised by this licence, and all equipment used in connection herewith shall be carried out, constructed and maintained (as the case may be) so as to avoid cruelty, unnecessary injury or distress to any species covered by this licence.

10. Methods used in connection with the execution of this licence must comply with the relevant published mitigation guidelines, unless otherwise agreed with Natural England.

11. Good practice and reasonable avoidance measures must be followed at all times.

12. All records are to be made available for inspection at any reasonable time by Natural England.

13. The licensee and named ecologist are responsible for all activities of the persons they have appointed in connection with this licence.

14. It is a condition of this licence that you must have obtained prior consent from all landowners and/or occupiers before commencing any activities that are authorised by this licence.

Additional Condition(s):

AC01 – Special conditions apply to this mitigation licence that are in addition to the standard licence conditions listed above. These are detailed within the attached Annex and all persons acting under this licence must ensure that operations comply with all these terms and conditions (including any annex and work schedule if applicable).

# NOTES

1. Under Regulation 60(1) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), it is an offence to contravene or fail to comply with a licence condition. This includes all persons authorised to act under this licence.

2. Natural England advises that where any individual is likely to come into contact with a bat in the operation of this licence, they should ensure that they wear suitable clothing and gloves and have been vaccinated against European Bat Lyssavirus (EBL).

## NOTES

3. Any person who provided a false statement or information to obtain this licence is guilty of an offence and may be liable to prosecution.

4. Please read the details of your licence carefully to ensure that you comply with it paying particular attention to the number and species licensed as this may differ to what was requested in your application.

5. If this licence has been issued as a result of a modification request then the licensed number excludes any animals or plants permitted to be captured/taken/disturbed/transported/etc. under your previous licence and this modified licence replaces your previous licence.

Additional Note(s):

## Additional Authorised Individuals

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

**Nil**