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Dear Sirs

**Protection of Badgers Act 1992, TB Area Control Licence, West Gloucestershire**  
**Licence Reference:** [REDACTED]

In accordance with condition 1 of your licence I am writing to notify you of the following:

- a. The minimum number of badgers to be killed by all permitted methods within the area specified in Annex A of licence ref [REDACTED] during the part of the open season covered by this licence is **540**;
- b. The maximum number of badgers that may be killed within the area specified above by all permitted methods during the part of the open season covered by this licence is **940**;

The number of badgers that you need to kill to achieve a 70% reduction in the population present in prior to the onset of culling is 937 (using the latest estimate of the badger population the West Gloucestershire Pilot Cull Area, which has a central estimate of 2350 badgers). If you do not reduce the population by 70% during this Annual Cull (including during any extended period) then it is likely that the minimum target for the second Annual Cull will need to be increased to ensure disease control benefits are delivered in line with Government Policy.

In setting the minimum number specified above we have selected a value that, based on experience to date and taking account of prevailing conditions, should be achievable in the period of this licence. All efforts should, however, be made to get as close as possible to the 937 badger figure that is necessary to reduce the estimated badger population by 70% in this year's cull.

Please note that only those individuals authorised in writing by Natural England under Licence [REDACTED] are permitted to undertake any licensed operations under this licence.

You are reminded that there must continue to be access for culling over at least 70% of the total land area, and that Natural England must be informed immediately, in writing, about any land that is withdrawn or which otherwise

ceases to be eligible to participate in licensed operations. Natural England must also be informed immediately, in writing, about any relevant change of circumstances (e.g. amendments to firearms/shotgun certificate) of persons named by Natural England as authorised persons, which affects their ability to operate under this licence.

If you have any queries about this notification please contact the licensing team on 0300 060 0550.

Yours sincerely

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Natural England