

ECOLOGIST'S PACK



EXTERNAL WALL INSULATION (EWI) AND ASSOCIATED WORKS TOOLKIT

Pack B: Ecologists | Part 3.2: EWI EPS (Bats) Licence
Template

Home Improvement Series





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OVERALL PROCESS

STAGE 1: Determine risk to bats and breeding birds

- Desktop survey including Local Record Centre search
- Walkover survey by suitably qualified ecologist checking for signs of bats, bat potential including potential access points and signs of breeding birds

Property has NO signs of breeding birds or bats / potential for bats – continue with works incorporating enhancements on those properties

Property has signs of breeding birds or bats / potential for bats – continue to stage 2

STAGE 2: Mitigate through design

- Avoid impacts by ensuring all bat access points are retained and the roofline/soffits are not affected
- Carry out works outside of bird breeding season
- Provide replacement bird nests appropriate for relevant species

Property's bat access points CAN be retained / no extensions to the roof required / no new soffits/fascias required

- Produce method statement including bat and bird mitigation and enhancements and apply for precautionary bat licence
- continue with works in accordance with method statement for those properties

Property's bat access points CANNOT be retained / extensions to the roof required / new soffits/fascias required – continue to stage 3

STAGE 3: Presence / absence survey

- Where potential impacts can't be avoided, bat presence / absence surveys will be required in accordance with published guidelines

Property has NO evidence of bats

- Produce method statement including bat and bird mitigation and enhancements and apply for precautionary bat licence
- Continue with works in accordance with method statement for those properties

Property HAS evidence of bats - Apply for specific bat (derogation) licence for that property and carry out works in accordance with method statement (incorporating bird mitigation and enhancements) OR do not carry out works



APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO DELIBERATELY KILL, INJURE, CAPTURE (TAKE), DELIBERATELY DISTURB, DAMAGE/DESTROY A BREEDING SITE/RESTING PLACE OR TRANSPORT AN EUROPEAN PROTECTED SPECIES (EPS)

THE CONSERVATION OF HABITATS AND SPECIES REGULATIONS 2010 FOR THE PURPOSE OF :-

- **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 form of property or to fisheries; to allow people to carry out activities which would otherwise be illegal.

Information for completion of an application form:

1. Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS** (* delete as applicable)
2. **Please answer all questions in detail. All questions highlighted in red must be fully completed otherwise the application will be returned to the named Ecologist. Uncompleted questions will mean delays in your application being processed.**
3. Please be aware that if your activity has received planning permission (**please note that the Species Protection Team will not process applications where planning permission is still under consideration**), listed building consent and or a tree preservation order, you will need to include the following:
 - **Local Planning Authority Document** completed and signed prior to submitting your application
 - **Copy of the permissions associated with the application**
 - **Copy of the delegated decision report and / or planning committee minutes**
 - **Documentation from the Local Planning Authority confirming the discharge of any species related conditions which require discharge prior to the commencement of the development.**
4. Please ensure that Surveys submitted with your application are less than 2 years old.
5. Applications can be accepted **either** electronically or by post.

Electronic applications These can be e mailed to specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk. Please **DO NOT** also send the application by post. We will not require wet signatures if the electronic signature box has been completed.



Postal Applications: Please provide two copies of every document, one copy of the application form must be originally signed by both the licensee and the Ecologist (wet signatures required). Please post to: **Species Protection Team, National Permitting Team, Natural Resources Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, LL57 2DW**

Please use the tick sheet provided at the end of this application form as a reminder to ensure that you have enclosed all the required documents to enable us to process your application.

6. An acknowledgment will be sent out on receipt of your application, please contact us if you have not received a response within 5 working days
7. NRW aims to process applications within **30 working days** of receipt of **all information required**, we cannot guarantee an earlier response.
8. All applicants should read the supporting notes at the end of this form.

1.1.1 1. Part A. The Applicant (the Developer or Landowner): Personal details

These questions relate to the person who will be the named licensee. This needs to be a named individual; company names and several individuals are not permitted. As the licensee, you will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the licence and its conditions.

1. (a) Name of applicant

| Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) | Forename(s) | Surname |
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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Company Name

Business Title (if appropriate)

(b) Address

Town

County Postcode

Tel number (incl. national dialling)

Mobile number

Email address (Please provide an email address if possible as it means we can email you a copy of your licence if approved. A postal copy will be sent regardless)

1. Part B. The Ecologist: Personal details and experience with the species concerned

These questions relate to the person acting on behalf of the developer/landowner and who will be responsible for delivering specific elements of any licence granted in respect of the disturbance of European Protected Species, including the overseeing of exclusion works and mitigation.



| Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) | Forename(s) | Surname | |
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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | |
| Company Name | <input type="text"/> | | |
| Business Title (if appropriate) | <input type="text"/> | | |
| (b) Address | <input type="text"/> | | |
| | <input type="text"/> | | |
| Town | <input type="text"/> | | |
| County | <input type="text"/> | Postcode | <input type="text"/> |
| Tel number (incl. national dialling) | <input type="text"/> | | |
| Mobile number | <input type="text"/> | | |
| Email address | <input type="text"/> | | |

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| 2. | Previous applications: | | | | | | |
| | Have you held a relevant EPS licence issued by any of the following? (please insert an X as appropriate) | | | | | | |
| | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>The Welsh Government</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Natural Resource Wales</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Other (please specify)</td> <td><input type="text"/></td> </tr> </table> | The Welsh Government | <input type="checkbox"/> | Natural Resource Wales | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify) | <input type="text"/> |
| The Welsh Government | <input type="checkbox"/> | Natural Resource Wales | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify) | <input type="text"/> | | |
| | If YES , please give your last licence reference number and the year in which the licence was issued. | | | | | | |
| | <input type="text"/> | | | | | | |
| | What species did the licence cover? | | | | | | |
| | <input type="text"/> | | | | | | |
| | If NO , you will need to enclose written reference (originals only, not photocopies) from two people who can vouch for your suitability and competence for this type of work and give details of appropriate experience. At least one referee should have held a relevant licence within the last three years. We may contact these referees to verify their statements. Please include their names, contact details and qualifications below. | | | | | | |
| | <input type="text"/> | | | | | | |
| 3. | Experience and qualifications | | | | | | |
| a. | Please give brief details of your experience and qualifications relevant to the species listed at Part C (Question 5) below (continue on a separate sheet if necessary). | | | | | | |
| | <input type="text"/> | | | | | | |
| b. | Please give brief details any experience and/or qualifications which you have gained with other species and you think is relevant to show your suitability and competence for the proposed works | | | | | | |
| | <input type="text"/> | | | | | | |



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| 4. | Accredited Agents | | |
| | <p>An accredited agent is a suitably qualified experienced person who is able to carry out work under a licence without the personal supervision of the licensee. To carry out work they must be in possession of a letter signed by the licensee appointing him or her as an accredited agent of the licensee for the purpose of the licence. At all times the licensee is fully responsible for all the work carried out under licence. An assistant is employed by a licensee or his/her agent to work under their direct personal supervision at all times. A breach of the licence conditions by an accredited agent, assistant or helper may result in the revocation of your licence.</p> | | |
| | Do you propose to employ accredited agents? | Yes | No |
| | If YES , please state their name(s) and the work they will be undertaking. | | |
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| | Do you propose to employ assistants? | Yes | No |
| | If YES , please state their name(s) and the work they will be undertaking. | | |
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Please answer questions 6-10 for the species specified in question 5. Please give as much detail and information as possible. Insufficient information may mean delays in processing your application as you will need to be contacted to give this. Make sure you answer all questions, in full. Please remember for question 10 to include the month and year to which you wish the licence to run until. Complete and attach an extra sheet if necessary.

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| Part C. The Application | | | |
| 5. | Species (please insert a x as appropriate) | | |
| | Otter | | |
| | Dormouse | | |
| | Great Crested Newt | | |
| | Bat | As this is a precautionary application, the species can only be anticipated | x |
| Please indicate which species of bat is affected by the proposed works. | | | |
| | COMMON PIPISTRELLE (<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>) | x | BROWN LONG EARED (<i>Plecotus auritus</i>) x |
| | SOPRANO PIPISTRELLE (<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>) | x | BARBASTELLE (<i>Barbastella barbastellus</i>) |
| | WHISKERED (<i>Myotis mystacinus</i>) | x | BRANDT'S (<i>Myotis brandtii</i>) x |
| | DAUBENTON'S (<i>Myotis daubentonii</i>) | x | NATTERER'S (<i>Myotis nattereri</i>) x |
| | LESSER HORSESHOE (<i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>) | | NOCTULE (<i>Nyctalus noctula</i>) x |
| | GREATER HORSESHOE (<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>) | | ALCATHOE (<i>Myotis alcaethoe</i>) |
| | Any other bat species (please specify) | SEROTINE (<i>Eptesicus serotinus</i>) | x |
| | <u>Note:</u> Have you sent your records to the Local Records Centre? | | Yes n/a |



If not please contact Natural Resources Wales for advice at the contact provided at the end of this form or contact the LRC directly via the contacts on this link:

www.lrcwales.org.uk

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| 6. Purpose of the licence application (please insert a x as appropriate) | | |
| Please indicate the primary purpose for undertaking the proposed works. | | |
| <i>Preserving -</i> | public health | X |
| | public safety | X |
| | ¹ other imperative reasons of overriding public interest | X |
| <i>Preventing -</i> | the spread of disease | |
| | serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber or any other form of property or to fisheries | |
| ¹ including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment | | |
| Please explain fully below your reasons for the purpose chosen above. (E.g. Why are the works necessary; how do they fit the selected purpose; What will be the result after the works?) | | |
| <p>The aim of the works is to improve housing standards by reducing heat loss and also to achieve a reduction in carbon emissions. The works consist of installing external wall insulation, rendering and the replacement of soffits and fascia where necessary. Some properties may require that the roof line be extended. Extensive scaffolding is put in place around the affected properties to allow the works to be undertaken. In accordance with the RAMS method statement attached, after the works all bat accesses will have been retained and in addition, woodcrete (permanent) bat boxes will be installed as a biodiversity enhancement feature.</p> | | |
| 7. Summary of the Planning Position (please insert a x in one box only) | | |
| No Planning Permission required | | |
| Full Planning Permission granted | | |
| Outline Planning Permission granted | | |
| Reserved Matters | | |
| Other consents granted for the proposed activity | | |
| E.g., Listed building consents, Tree preservation orders etc. Please list these below | | |
| Consent/s granted: | | |
| Name of Planning Authority- | | |
| Planning ref. No/s.- | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL REQUIRED PLANNING DOCUMENTATION IS SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION <i>Please refer to note 3 on the 1st page for further details</i> Please note that the Species Protection Team will not process applications where planning permission is still under consideration and where any species related conditions are yet to be discharged. | | |



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| 8. Purpose of the proposed work | |
| (a) | Please explain why it is necessary to carry out the proposed work affecting the species. |
| <p>External wall insulation, loft insulation and the replacement of roofs in poor condition are the only ways to achieve the required heat loss values. Bats could be present in a number of locations. Extensive surveys are being conducted and RAMS followed, to try to avoid or reduce potential impacts to zero an absolute minimum.</p> | |
| (b) | Provide a description of the proposed activity (e.g. capture of otters followed by damage or destruction of breeding site or resting place) |
| <p>In all cases where bats are known to be present or suspected, resting places and access to resting places will be retained without change. The possibility remains that bats could be encountered (e.g. under roof slates or within a void) once work is under way. In these cases if the bat(s) cannot be left <i>in situ</i>, the animals will be placed in a dark box and the ecologist immediately notified. A record of the circumstances will be passed to the ecologist for subsequent reporting to NRW. The ecologist will be responsible for the subsequent release of such animals. Only solitary or non-breeding bats will be managed in this way. Nursery roosts will not be disturbed.</p> <p>Where necessary, applications will be made property-specific EPS licences.</p> <p>In the event that any bats are accidentally injured during the works, the injured animal will be placed in a dark box and the ecologist immediately notified. The ecologist will seek veterinary advice for the injured animal as necessary. A record of the circumstances will be passed to the ecologist for subsequent reporting to NRW.</p> | |
| 9. Satisfactory alternatives: | |
| <p>Please provide details of alternative methods that could be undertaken to reduce or avoid the effects on the protected species. Examples include alternative designs which may reduce/avoid the impact on the protected species, or alternative sites that could be used, or the 'do nothing' option, which should be considered with every Application.</p> <p>Please then outline why these alternatives are not suitable? Why have they been discounted? Please ensure your answers are detailed and attach further information if necessary.</p> | |
| <p>The risk has already been reduced to an absolute minimum by the attached RAMS. Further reduction to absolute certainty is impossible, hence this application.</p> | |

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| 10. Activities to be Licensed | |
| (a) | Proposed Methods |
| <p>Please complete all relevant columns in the table below to indicate the methods you propose to use, the activity involved, and the time period for 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.</p> | |
| Activity to be licensed (please insert a x as appropriate) | Method to Time period (month and year) |



| Capture (including temporary possession) | Transport | Disturb | Damage a breeding site or resting place | Destroy a breeding site or resting place | Kill (only in exceptional circumstances – see footnote ¹)** | be used e.g.hand, net, exclusion etc. | From | To |
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| x | x | x | | | | hand | | |
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**please include biosecurity measures within the provisions of the method statement

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| (b) | Location of proposed licensed action | | | |
| | Site name and address | | | |
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| | Town | | | |
| | County | | Postcode | |
| | O.S. Ref. (e.g. ST 12345 12345) | SH 483333 62574 (central point) | | |
| (c) | Does your Method Statement include a location map of relevant scale? Normally 1:25,000 | Yes | No | |
| (d) | Please provide an estimate of the number of animals that will be affected by the licensed work? | Hopefully none, this is a precautionary application | | |
| (e) | Please state why the proposed actions will not be detrimental to the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status. | | | |
| | The RAMS have been written to ensure that impacts will be kept to an absolute minimum. The only bats that may be affected despite the precautions taken will be solitary animals that are encountered in the course of the works, and disturbance to these would not affect the favourable conservation status of the species. | | | |
| 11. | Consideration of Designated Sites | | | |
| | Designated Areas: 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, and certain other river/lake systems. | | | |
| (a) | Will any part of the proposed activity fall within an area covered by a designated site. E.g. LNR, NNR, SSSI, SAC, SPA, Ramsar? | Yes | No | |

¹ Killing will only be licenced in exceptional circumstances, you should discuss the particular situation with the Regional Senior Species Officer in NRW for your area.



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| (b) | Will any part of the proposed activity fall within or adjacent to a designated site? | Yes | | No | |
| (c) | If YES to either of the above, have you consulted with Natural Resource Wales 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. | | | | |
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Part D. Declarations

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| 12 | Have you or your accredited agents or assistants ever been convicted of a wildlife offence? | Yes | | No | |
| | If YES , please give details, including dates | | | | |
| 13. | <p>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.</p> <p>Applicants should note that it is an offence regulation 57 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 to knowingly or recklessly provide false information in order to obtain a licence.</p> <p>If a licence is granted I agree to send to NRW a written report of the licensed activities within four weeks of the expiry of the licence.</p> | | | | |
| I authorise employees or representatives of Natural Resource Wales to enter the site which subject to this application for the purpose of monitoring and inspecting the permitted works (please place an x in the box opposite). | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Signature of the Applicant | | Date | | | |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Name in BLOCK LETTERS | | | | | |
| Signature of the Ecologist | | Date | | | |
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| Name in BLOCK LETTERS | | |

Please complete this CHECKLIST fully

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| Please return your full completed application to the following Natural Resource Wales address: | | |
| Species Protection Team, Natural Resources Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, LL57 2DW or e-mail your completed form to specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk Tel. 03000653000 | Checklist before submitting your application: | |
| | Completed Application Form (original plus one copy) | |
| | Method Statement (original plus one copy) | |
| | Protected Species Survey/s(original plus one copy) | |
| | Completed original Local Planning Authority Consultation Document (if Planning Permission or other consents are required/have been granted) | |
| | Copy of any other granted consents (Listed building/ Tree preservation orders/ etc) | |
| | Copy of the permissions associated with the application and copies of the delegated decision report and / or planning committee minutes | |
| Documentation from the Local Planning Authority confirming the discharge of any species related conditions which require discharge prior to the commencement of the development. | | |

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE (Please read the following notes carefully).

i. This is an application form for a licence to deliberately kill, injure, capture (take), deliberately disturb, damage/destroy a breeding site/resting place or transport an european protected species (EPS) under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 for the purpose of :-

- **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 form of property or to fisheries; to allow people to carry out activities which would otherwise be illegal.

Natural Resources Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred under regulation 53(1) and 56(3) (a) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species, Regulations 2010 may issue licences for the following purposes:

Provided that:

- that there is **no satisfactory alternative;** and
- that 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.



- ii. All questions in this application form must be completed in full 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. We aim to process applications within 30 working days of receipt of all the information requested. We cannot guarantee an earlier response.
- iii. It is a condition of any licence issued that a full report of the work carried out under licence is submitted within four weeks of the expiry of the licence. You will be supplied with a licence report form on which to do this. Failure to do so may result in future applications being refused. Information from these reports is required to provide summary information to NRW and others on the number of licences issued, the purpose of the licence and which species are covered. None of these summary statistics includes personal information about licensees. The information may also be used for conservation purposes and shared with other organisations.
- iv. Please be aware that if your activity requires or has received planning permission, listed building consent and or a tree preservation order, you will need to include the following:
 - Local Planning Authority Document completed and signed prior to submitting your application
 - Copy of the permissions associated with the application
 - Copy of the delegated decision report and / or planning committee minutes
 - Documentation from the Local Planning Authority confirming the discharge of any species related conditions which require discharge prior to the commencement of the development.
- v. If you are submitting your application by post please make sure that we are given 2 paper copies of all the required documentation including any plans of the buildings and that the print on these can clearly be read. All copies must be identical to the original document, and in colour as appropriate.
- vi. **Please note that we will not process your application until we have received all the relevant documentation. Please be aware that if we do not receive the correct amount of copies of the information asked for it will delay your application until we have received them.**
- vii. Please answer all questions fully and in detail. The more information you give us regarding your proposed activity, the less likely it is that we will need to contact you and cause delays in the progress of your application.
- viii. Please ensure that the information you send us, is properly separated and titled and if posted to us that each part is bound together; failure to do so will delay the processing of your application.
- ix. Applications are dealt with chronologically. This means they are processed according to when they were submitted, not according to the timing of the works. Please submit your application in good time before the proposed works. If you think your application needs to be dealt with urgently, please ring us to discuss and agree this before its submission.
- x. When answering questions, particularly 6-10, it may help with your answers if you consider the why, what, how, where and when, approach. For example: Why are you doing it? What are you going to be doing? How will it affect the species in question? Etc.
- xi. Natural Resource Wales can modify or revoke 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.
- xii. All of the information held by NRW, relating to your application for a licence will be processed and managed by us in a accordance with our obligations and duties under the:
 - Data Protection Act 1998;
 - Freedom of Information Act 2000;



- The Environmental Information Regulations 2004; and
- All other laws relating to access to information.

With this in mind, your information, including your personal information, may be the subject of a request by another member of the public. When responding to such requests we may be required to release information, including your personal information. Our response to such requests will be in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Welsh Government Code of Practice on Access to Information which can be found at www.information.wales.gov.uk

For further information about the personal data collected and its use, if you have any concerns about the accuracy of personal data, or wish to exercise any of your rights under the above legislation you should contact:

- Access to Information Officers, Natural Resources Wales, Ty Cambria, 29 Newport Road Cardiff CF24 0TP, or email atiteam@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk or telephone 0300 065 3000
- The Information Commissioners Office help line can be contacted on 029 2067 8400 or at www.ico.gov.uk

xiii Applicants should note that a licence from NRW does not grant access or power of entry onto any land.

xiv. Any information included in this application which the applicant considers to be in confidence for commercial or industrial reasons or to be the applicant's intellectual property must be clearly marked as such.

In this document "Natural Resources Wales" 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.