

Application Status (MI)	9 - Issued (no invoice required)	9 - Issued (no invoice required)
Application Status Information	Please see correspondence folder on hub for further information from customer	
Case Reference	2025-00003-GB	2025-00032-GB
Application Type (MI)	New	Amendment
Is This Licence Superseded?		
Licence	A48	A48
Purpose (MI)	Release an animal of a kind which is not ordinarily resident in and is not a regular visitor to GB in a wild state.	Release an animal of a kind which is not ordinarily resident in and is not a regular visitor to GB in a wild state.
Season	2025	2025
Received Date	23/04/2025	16/05/2025
Revised Received Date		
Due Date (MI)	14/05/2025	06/06/2025
Revised Due Date		06/06/2025
Is The Applicant Intending To Provide Documents?	No	Yes
Applicant Name	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Applicant Email	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Applicant Address	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Name Of Shoot	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
SPA Name	Deben Estuary	Deben Estuary
SAC Name		
Why GL43 Not Used		
Will The Release Also Be Within 500m Of Another European Protected Site?	No	No
Name Of Other Protected Sites		
Does Applicant Hold Consent For SSSI, If Required?	I do not intend to release gamebirds within the boundary of any European Protected site or any Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) under this licence (consent not required)	I do not intend to release gamebirds within the boundary of any European Protected site or any Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) under this licence (consent not required)
Name Of Relateled SSSI		
Name Of Consent Holder		
Date Consent Issued		
Does Consent Have An Expiry Date?		
Consent Expiry Date		
Does Applicant Have Reference For Consent?		
Consent Reference		
Does Consent Have Upper Release Limit?		
Consent Upper Limit Of Pheasant Release		
Consent Upper Limit Of Partridge Release		
Is Applicant Landowner Of Release Location?	No	No
Does Applicant Have Landowner Permission?	Yes	Yes
Will Others Undertake Releases Under Licence?	No	No
Details Of Other Licence Users		
Anyone Related To Licence Been Convicted Of Wildlife Offence?	No	No
Conviction Details		

		<p>Some points I would like to make</p> <p>1. The national risk level of HPAI in wild birds has reduced since my first application so its currently highly unlikely my released gamebirds are going to infect any wild birds.</p> <p>2. Over the last few years while Bird Flu has been prevalent in many parts of the County and Country at [REDACTED] we have never picked up any dead or dying birds of any species that might of died of HPAI</p> <p>3. In 2023 when my licence was issued it was avocets and brent geese that NE were worried about, well avocets never come inland from the estuary and rarely even come on to the saltmarsh because they spend their time on the mudflats where the game doesn't go . The brent geese don't arrive until October and although they occassionally come inland to graze on wheat crops there is never any contact with game birds who tend to stay away from the middle of large fields and certainly wouldn't want to make contact with such a large aggressive bird.</p> <p>4. I would like to highlight the benefits some species of wildlife gain from our conservation efforts on the estate especially the vermin control my Game Keeper does . Nightingales and Cuckoo's prevail within the SPA and are now redlisted so the control of corvids,rats,grey squirrels stoats and weasels is essential to them surviving for the future. Many other species thrive as well because of the vermin control. Without the licence my keeper might have to be layed off and conservation will stop.</p> <p>5. I also highlight that I see no logical reason why a licence with the conditions imposed in 2023 cannot be issued this year (when the situation is no worse in 2023 than it was in 2023).</p> <p>6. Before the end of February 2025 all my Days shooting at [REDACTED] had been sold for this season, with some deposits paid and the pheasant and partridge pouls ordered from the game farm. Without a licence I'm going to be in a very embarrassing business situation. 7. I will send a supplementary attachment of my 2023 licence.</p> <p>8. I would like to ask you (NE) for a copy of the Habitats Regs Assessment that NE have done for my shoot this year.</p> <p>9. Please reconsider this application in the light of more information from me and the current lower risk of HPAI in East Suffolk.</p>
Supplementary Information	<p>In the 6 years I've been running this shoot avian influenza has never to my knowledge been found on the [REDACTED] shoot or this part of the Deben Estuary. My Game Keeper takes great care in keeping all drinkers and hoppers clean and disinfected during the season and on release sites. The keepers vehicle used on the shoot never leaves the Estate to prevent any contamination. On shoot days beaters, picker ups and guns all dip their feet on arrival. Transport for guns and beaters is supplied by the Estate to prevent anyones vehicle bringing bird flu onto the estate. Certainly if any birds die all carcasses would be collected up and incinerated to prevent any contamination of wild birds.</p>	
Did Applicant Have Consent For Releases?		
How Released Birds Will Be Discouraged From Boundary	<p>The shoot doesn't want the birds on the SPA so they will be fed away from it on a daily basic with a spinner and carefully placed hoppers/drinkers. The Keeper will dog the birds away from the SPA every day. The SPA is a tidal Estuary so at high tide its wall to wall salt water and at low tide mostly mud with some saltmarsh, this is not a habitat game birds like or want to be on. We have never had issues with game birds wandering off onto the SPA because there is no natural cover or feed to be found and the estuary is too wide for Game birds to fly across..</p>	<p>The shoot doesn't want any game birds on the SPA where there are no drives. So its in our interest to encourage the birds away from the SPA which is done by feeding away daily with a spinner on the Gator and by using well placed feeders and drinkers. The keeper will also dog the birds away from the SPA every morning . The SPA is not somewhere the game birds want to be because there is little cover and no food available. The river wall has a busy footpath along the top which disturbs any wandering birds and the saltmarsh,salt water and tides discourage game birds. I have never seen any game fly over the river because of its width and mud flats are not inviting to game.</p>
Location Reference Of Release	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Release Start Date	14/07/2025	14/07/2025
Release End Date	14/07/2025	14/07/2025
Release Area Size (ha)		
Release Pen Size (m <sup>2</sup> )	10000	10000
Number Of Birds Released	700	700
How Frequent Will Releases Take Place?		
How Many Birds Will Be Released Each Occasion?		
Where Release Will Take Place	Within 500m of a SPA (including if it's also on or near a SAC)	Within 500m of a SPA (including if it's also on or near a SAC)
Species	Common pheasant	Common pheasant
Habitat Type	Woodland	Woodland
Release Type	Soft Release	Soft Release
Will Release Be Staggered?	No	No
How Released Birds Will Be Discouraged From Boundary 2	<p>The shoot doesn't want the birds on the SPA so they will be fed away from it on a daily basic with a spinner and carefully placed hoppers/drinkers. The Keeper will dog the birds away from the SPA every day. The SPA is a tidal Estuary so at high tide its wall to wall salt water and at low tide mostly mud with some saltmarsh, this is not a habitat game birds like or want to be on. We have never had issues with game birds wandering off onto the SPA because there is no natural cover or feed to be found and the estuary is too wide for Game birds to fly across..</p>	<p>The shoot doesn't want any game birds on the SPA where there are no drives. So its in our interest to encourage the birds away from the SPA which is done by feeding away daily with a spinner on the Gator and by using well placed feeders and drinkers. The keeper will also dog the birds away from the SPA every morning . The SPA is not somewhere the game birds want to be because there is little cover and no food available. The river wall has a busy footpath along the top which disturbs any wandering birds and the saltmarsh,salt water and tides discourage game birds. I have never seen any game fly over the river because of its width and mud flats are not inviting to game.</p>

Location Reference Of Release 2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Release Start Date 2	01/07/2025	14/07/2025
Release End Date 2	01/07/2025	14/07/2025
Release Area Size (ha) 2		
Release Pen Size (m2) 2	4000	4000
Number Of Birds Released 2	250	250
How Frequent Will Releases Take Place? 2		
How Many Birds Will Be Released Each Occasion? 2		
Where Release Will Take Place 2	Within 500m of a SPA (including if it's also on or near a SAC)	Within 500m of a SPA (including if it's also on or near a SAC)
Species 2	Common pheasant	Common pheasant
Habitat Type 2	Woodland	Woodland
Release Type 2	Soft Release	Soft Release
Will Release Be Staggered? 2	No	No
How Released Birds Will Be Discouraged From Boundary 3	The shoot doesn't want the birds on the SPA so they will be fed away from it on a daily basic with a spinner and carefully placed hoppers/drinkers. The Keeper will dog the birds away from the SPA every day. The SPA is a tidal Estuary so at high tide its wall to wall salt water and at low tide mostly mud with some saltmarsh, this is not a habitat game birds like or want to be on. We have never had issues with game birds wandering off onto the SPA because there is no natural cover or feed to be found and the estuary is too wide for Game birds to fly across .	The shoot doesn't want any game birds on the SPA where there are no drives. So its in our interest to encourage the birds away from the SPA which is done by feeding away daily with a spinner on the Gator and by using well placed feeders and drinkers. The keeper will also dog the birds away from the SPA every morning . The SPA is not somewhere the game birds want to be because there is little cover and no food available. The river wall has a busy footpath along the top which disturbs any wandering birds and the saltmarsh,salt water and tides discourage game birds. I have never seen any game fly over the river because of its width and mud flats are not inviting to game.
Location Reference Of Release 3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Release Start Date 3	18/08/2025	18/08/2025
Release End Date 3	25/08/2025	25/08/2025
Release Pen Size (m2) 3		
Number Of Birds Released 3	500	500
How Frequent Will Releases Take Place? 3	every day for a week	every day for a week
How Many Birds Will Be Released Each Occasion? 3	100	100
Where Release Will Take Place 3	Within 500m of a SPA (including if it's also on or near a SAC)	Within 500m of a SPA (including if it's also on or near a SAC)
Species 3	Red-legged partridge	Red-legged partridge
Habitat Type 3	Arable	Arable
Release Type 3	Hard Release	Hard Release
Will Release Be Staggered? 3	Yes	Yes
Release Area Size (ha) 3	8	8
How Released Birds Will Be Discouraged From Boundary 4	The shoot doesn't want the birds on the SPA so they will be fed away from it on a daily basic with a spinner and carefully placed hoppers/drinkers. The Keeper will dog the birds away from the SPA every day. The SPA is a tidal Estuary so at high tide its wall to wall salt water and at low tide mostly mud with some saltmarsh, this is not a habitat game birds like or want to be on. We have never had issues with game birds wandering off onto the SPA because there is no natural cover or feed to be found and the estuary is too wide for Game birds to fly across .	The shoot doesn't want any game birds on the SPA where there are no drives. So its in our interest to encourage the birds away from the SPA which is done by feeding away daily with a spinner on the Gator and by using well placed feeders and drinkers. The keeper will also dog the birds away from the SPA every morning . The SPA is not somewhere the game birds want to be because there is little cover and no food available. The river wall has a busy footpath along the top which disturbs any wandering birds and the saltmarsh,salt water and tides discourage game birds. I have never seen any game fly over the river because of its width and mud flats are not inviting to game.
Location Reference Of Release 4	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Release Start Date 4	18/08/2025	18/08/2025
Release End Date 4	25/08/2025	25/08/2025
Release Area Size (ha) 4	10	10
Release Pen Size (m2) 4		
Number Of Birds Released 4	500	500
How Frequent Will Releases Take Place? 4	every day for a week	every day for a week
How Many Birds Will Be Released Each Occasion? 4	100	100
Where Release Will Take Place 4	Within 500m of a SPA (including if it's also on or near a SAC)	Within 500m of a SPA (including if it's also on or near a SAC)
Species 4	Red-legged partridge	Red-legged partridge
Habitat Type 4	Arable	Arable

Release Type 4	Hard Release	Hard Release
Will Release Be Staggered? 4	Yes	Yes
How Released Birds Will Be Discouraged From Boundary 5	<p>The shoot doesn't want the birds on the SPA so they will be fed away from it on a daily basis with a spinner and carefully placed hoppers/drinkers. The Keeper will dog the birds away from the SPA every day. The SPA is a tidal Estuary so at high tide its wall to wall salt water and at low tide mostly mud with some saltmarsh, this is not a habitat game birds like or want to be on. We have never had issues with game birds wandering off onto the SPA because there is no natural cover or feed to be found and the estuary is too wide for Game birds to fly across .</p>	<p>The shoot doesn't want any game birds on the SPA where there are no drives. So its in our interest to encourage the birds away from the SPA which is done by feeding away daily with a spinner on the Gator and by using well placed feeders and drinkers. The keeper will also dog the birds away from the SPA every morning . The SPA is not somewhere the game birds want to be because there is little cover and no food available. The river wall has a busy footpath along the top which disturbs any wandering birds and the saltmarsh,salt water and tides discourage game birds. I have never seen any game fly over the river because of its width and mud flats are not inviting to game.</p>
Location Reference Of Release 5	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Release Start Date 5	18/08/2025	18/08/2025
Release End Date 5	25/08/2025	25/08/2025
Release Area Size (ha) 5	12	12
Release Pen Size (m2) 5		
Number Of Birds Released 5	500	500
How Frequent Will Releases Take Place? 5	every day for a week	every day for a week
How Many Birds Will Be Released Each Occasion? 5	500	100
Where Release Will Take Place 5	Within 500m of a SPA (including if it's also on or near a SAC)	Within 500m of a SPA (including if it's also on or near a SAC)
Species 5	Red-legged partridge	Red-legged partridge
Habitat Type 5	Arable	Arable
Release Type 5	Hard Release	Hard Release
Will Release Be Staggered? 5	Yes	Yes
Release End Date 10		
How Released Birds Will Be Discouraged From Boundary 6		
How Released Birds Will Be Discouraged From Boundary 7		
How Released Birds Will Be Discouraged From Boundary 8		
How Released Birds Will Be Discouraged From Boundary 9		
How Released Birds Will Be Discouraged From Boundary 10		
Location Reference Of Release 6		
Location Reference Of Release 7		
Location Reference Of Release 8		
Location Reference Of Release 9		
Location Reference Of Release 10		
Release Start Date 6		
Release Start Date 7		
Release Start Date 8		
Release Start Date 9		
Release Start Date 10		
Release End Date 6		
Release End Date 7		
Release End Date 8		
Release End Date 9		
Release Area Size (ha) 6		
Release Area Size (ha) 7		
Release Area Size (ha) 8		
Release Area Size (ha) 9		
Release Area Size (ha) 10		
Release Pen Size (m2) 6		
Release Pen Size (m2) 7		
Release Pen Size (m2) 8		

Release Pen Size (m2) 9		
Release Pen Size (m2) 10		
Number Of Birds Released 6		
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