

# Earned Recognition pilot project – bat mitigation licensing Privacy Notice



**This privacy notice covers the Earned Recognition pilot project in bat mitigation licensing, involving Natural England, Bat Conservation Trust (BCT) and Chartered Institute for Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM).**

## **Who collects your personal data**

The data controller is Natural England, Foss House, Kings Pool, 1-2 Peasholme Green, York, YO1 7PX.  
Send questions about how we use your personal data and your associated rights to the Natural England Data Protection Manager at:

- Natural England, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, WR5 2NP
- [foi@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:foi@naturalengland.org.uk)

The Defra group Data Protection Officer is responsible for checking that Natural England complies with legislation. You can contact them at:

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, SW Quarter, 2nd floor, Seacole Block, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF
- [DefraGroupDataProtectionOfficer@defra.gov.uk](mailto:DefraGroupDataProtectionOfficer@defra.gov.uk)

## **What personal data is collected and how it is used**

Natural England is carrying out a consultation on the Earned Recognition pilot project in bat mitigation licensing to help it deliver its work. As part of this, we may collect the following kinds of information:

- Your name and contact details, to enable us to contact you about the pilot project and enable you to sign up for a role in the pilot project
- Your opinions on Earned Recognition in bat mitigation licensing
- Personal information such as your role, regional location, and level of experience in bat mitigation work

Your personal data will be used to enable us to contact you about the pilot project.

Your opinions on Earned Recognition in bat mitigation licensing will be used in the development of the pilot project. It will be used to inform the development or evaluation of a new system of bat mitigation licensing based on the principle of Earned Recognition.

## **The legal basis for processing your personal data**

Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest which is laid down by law, ie Sections 1 and 2 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 Act. This sets out Natural England's general purposes. The task is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Specifically to promote nature conservation and protect biodiversity and contributing in other ways to social and economic well-being through management of the natural environment.

## **Consent to process your personal data**

The processing of your data is not based on consent. You cannot withdraw it. However, you can withdraw from the pilot at any time by contacting us at [earnedrecognition.bat@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:earnedrecognition.bat@naturalengland.org.uk).

## **Who Natural England shares your personal data with**

Natural England may share your information with other partner organisations in the Earned Recognition pilot project. These are:

- Bat Conservation Trust (BCT) – to allow BCT to analyse the data and report on the information collected
- Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) – to allow CIEEM to contribute to the next stages of the project

Natural England respects your personal privacy when responding to access to information requests. We only share information when necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### **How long Natural England holds personal data**

Natural England, BCT and CIEEM will keep your personal data for 2 years after the end of the pilot project, due in June 2022.

#### **What happens if you do not provide the data requested**

If you do not provide the data:

- Natural England, BCT and CIEEM will not be able to email you about the project or invite you to take part in workshops, consultations or the pilot project
- You will not be able to sign up for a role in the pilot project

#### **Use of automated decision-making or profiling**

The information you provide is not used for:

- Automated decision making (making a decision by automated means without any human involvement)
- Profiling (automated processing of personal data to evaluate certain things about an individual)

#### **Transfer of data outside the European Economic Area (EEA)**

Initial data collection is via Survey Monkey who are based in the USA from 17 November 2020 to 5 January 2021, whilst the consultation is open. It will be deleted from Survey Monkey as soon as the consultation is closed. Natural England will not transfer your data outside the EEA beyond this initial data collection.

#### **Your rights**

Find out about your [individual rights](#) under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Data Protection Act 2018.

#### **Complaints**

You have the right to [make a complaint](#) to the Information Commissioner's Office at any time.

#### **Natural England's personal information charter**

Natural England's [personal information charter](#) explains more about your rights over your personal data.

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