

# **Policy paper: Advice to Natural England on setting minimum and maximum numbers of badgers to be controlled in 2018**

Defra's advice to Natural England on setting the minimum and maximum numbers of badgers to be controlled in licensed areas during 2018.

The advice covers the 21 existing areas and 11 new areas for 2018. It includes a description of the methods used by Defra for estimating the badger populations in these areas.