

Email thread 1

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 July 2022 11:39
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Christie Miller

Hi [REDACTED]

Yes following the site visit we were fully satisfied and have not received any additional information which would lead us to think the licence has been breached. We are awaiting the license return information but this is not due until September 2022.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]
Senior Adviser – **Projects and Strategic Casework Support**, Complex Case Unit \ SSO – Horizon House
Natural England | Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5TL | Tel: [REDACTED] | Mob: [REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 July 2022 08:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Christie Miller

Just checking that you were fully satisfied with how they progressed its still rumbling on but not really any further evidence

So just confirming

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 July 2022 14:15

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Christie Miller

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you are well and apologies I wasn't able to respond, I was on leave.

I know a week has passed but just wanted to check in to see if you still needed anything from me?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

Senior Adviser – Complex Casework Team, National Operations \ SSO – Horizon House

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 04 July 2022 10:34

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Christie Miller

Importance: High

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Are you in today and do you have a number as the below goes to answer phone

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 June 2022 14:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Christie Miller

Hi [REDACTED]

Yes no problem, please see the attached. Just in case this information is useful, myself and someone from our enforcement team did a compliance visit on 10th June and we were both satisfied that the activities met the terms the conditions of the licence.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Senior Adviser – Complex Casework Team, National Operations
Natural England | Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5TL | Tel: [REDACTED] | Mob: [REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 June 2022 13:33
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Christie Miller
Importance: High

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[REDACTED] was contacting you with regards to the Christie Miller complex can I have a copy of the licence issued please and any images she sent you, just trying to clarify and she isn't in with the report not added to the niche

Kind regards

Rural Crime Team | Wiltshire Police

Phone:

E-mail:

Mail: Melksham Police Station Hampton Park West, Wiltshire SN126QQ

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Attachment 1

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Hi [REDACTED]

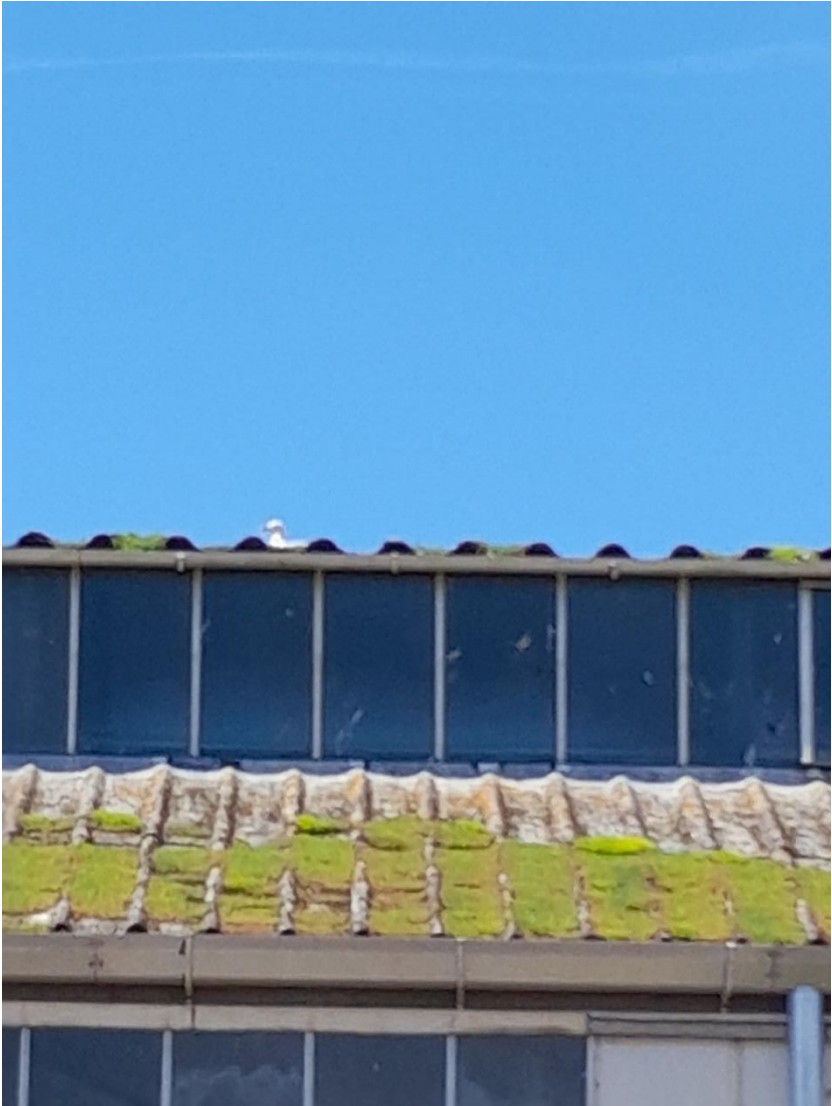
Sending this again as I had an email error yesterday.

If you zoom into the photos you can see the nesting birds.

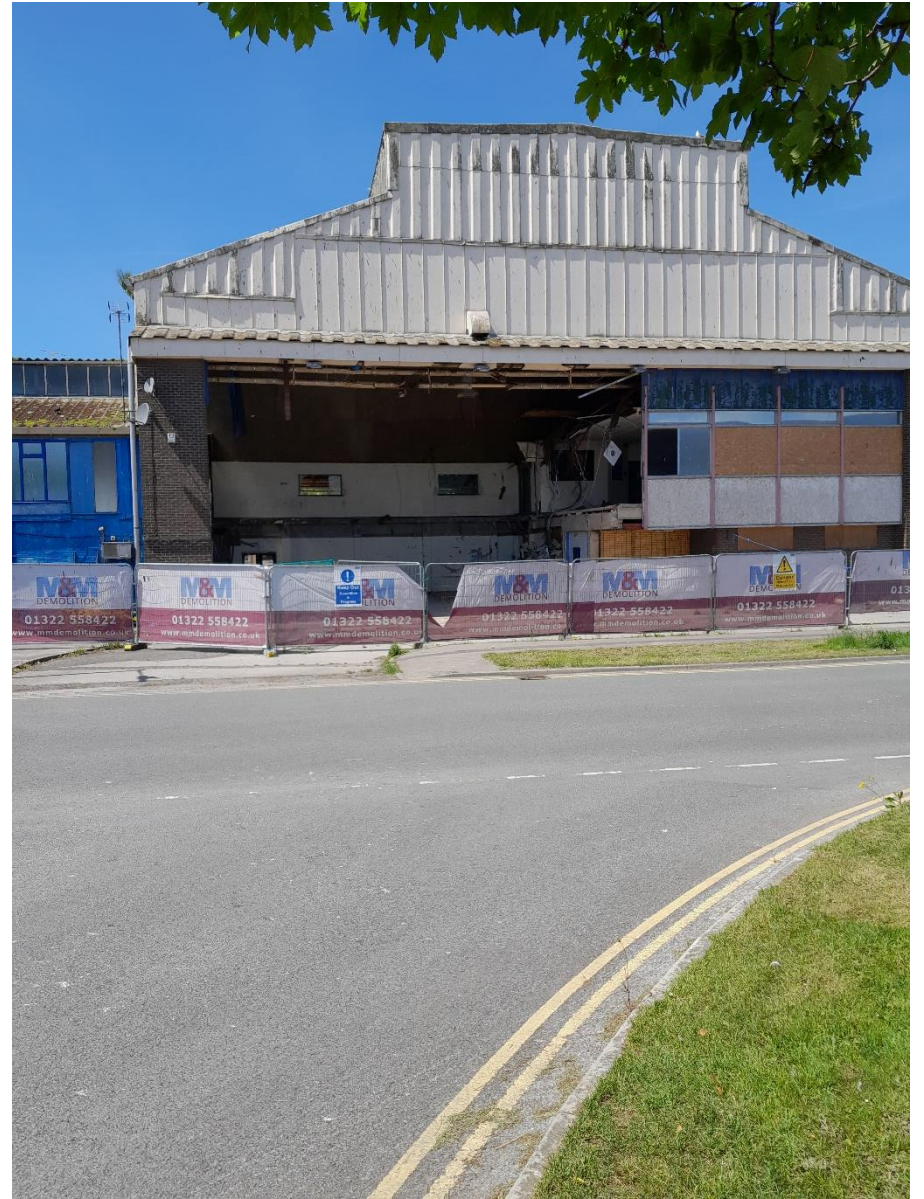
Kind regards

[REDACTED]









Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

LICENCE – Bird control – Kill or take wild birds or their eggs, use a prohibited method or disturb wild birds or their nests when in use or being built



This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the above legislation

Any request for information in this licence will be considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as appropriate.

Wildlife Licensing Service
Natural England
Horizon House
Deanery Road
Bristol
BS1 5AH
Tel: 0208 026 1089

Natural England Ref:

Email:

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) Natural England has granted this Bird Control Licence for the purpose of:

Conserving wild birds under section 16(1)(c)

to:

Name (in full)

Company Name

Wiltshire Council

Address

County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge

County:

Wiltshire

Postcode:

BA14 8JN

Between the dates of:

28 May 2022	and	31 August 2022	inclusive
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At (locations):

Site/Location Name	County	OS Grid Reference
Former Christie Miller Sports Centre	Wiltshire	ST908621

For the following species

Species Common Name (Taxonomic Name)	Number	Activity	Method	Detailed Location	OS Grid Reference
Herring Gull (<i>Larus argentatus</i>)	14	Nest destruction	By Hand	Former Christie Miller Sports Centre, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6QU	ST908621
Herring Gull (<i>Larus argentatus</i>)	50	Egg Destruction OR Killing Chicks	By Hand	Former Christie Miller Sports Centre, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6QU	ST908621

This licence is granted subject to the licensee, including servants and named agents, adhering to the conditions and notes specified below.

Signature:



Date:

28 May 2022

(for Natural England on behalf of the Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)

IMPORTANT ADVICE

- This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Any departure from the conditions relating to this licence may be an offence under that legislation;
- This licence conveys no authority for actions prohibited by any other legislation;
- This licence can be modified or revoked at any time by Natural England, but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so. The licence is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information had been provided which resulted in the issue of the licence.

LICENCE CONDITIONS

1. The licensee is responsible for ensuring that operations comply with all terms and conditions of the licence.
2. The licensee may authorise up to 9 other persons to kill or take protected wild birds in accordance with the terms of this licence. Where the licensee does not participate in the killing or taking, one additional person may be so authorised.
3. The landowner's permission must be obtained before entry upon or action taken on any land, including the release of captured birds.
4. A person authorised by the licensee shall provide him/her with such information as is within his/her knowledge and is necessary for the Report, which the licensee is required to make to Natural England.
5. The 'Report' by licensee of action taken under licence (form WML - LR09) must be completed, even if no action is taken, and sent to the Natural England office at the address shown on the top of the report form, to arrive not later than 14 days (two weeks) after the expiry

date of the licence. Failure to make a report may result in future applications being refused.

6. The licensee shall permit an officer of Natural England, accompanied by such persons as he/she considers necessary for the purpose, on production of his/her identification on demand, reasonable access to the site for monitoring purposes and to be present during any operations carried out under the authority of this licence for the purpose of ascertaining whether the conditions of this licence are being, or have been, complied with. The licensee shall give all reasonable assistance to an officer of Natural England and any persons accompanying him/her.
7. No egg is to be taken, damaged or destroyed under this licence after any egg in that clutch has hatched.
8. Every effort must be made to ensure demolition works to the roof commence as soon as possible following the removal of gull nests and eggs to prevent re-nesting attempts.
9. In the event that there are delays to the planned roof demolition works following egg and nest removal, deterrent activities (such as hawking, lasers) must be undertaken to encourage gulls to nest else-where and prevent the need for further lethal control.
10. Any chicks must be dispatched quickly and humanely

NOTES

1. Natural England checks compliance with licences and the attached conditions.
2. Amendments to the list of people authorised to act under this licence can be made by completing their details on line or by contacting Natural England. Additional authorised persons must not undertake licensable activities until their name is listed on a valid licence.
3. You are advised to carry a copy of this licence with you at all times whilst undertaking licensed activities.
4. It is the responsibility of each person relying on this licence to ensure that they comply with all the relevant legislation with regard to the use of firearms. It is also their responsibility to use appropriate equipment (e.g. firearm and ammunition) and to ensure that they are competent to use such equipment so as to avoid causing unnecessary suffering.
5. This licence does not permit the use of any method of killing or taking a wild bird or animal which is prohibited by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, except as specifically allowed by this licence.
6. The data required in your report includes information about: Species, Date of action, Action taken, Number affected, OS grid reference and Site name. You can also send additional information.
7. All wild bird species, their eggs and nests (while in use or under construction) are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), which can be viewed via this link - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/contents> Birds species listed under Schedule 1 of that Act have additional legal protection and therefore care must be taken to avoid their disturbance during the breeding season.
8. No additional SSSI consent or assent is required when undertaking the activity specified in this Licence within those Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) listed below, provided you undertake the operations as described in this Licence and for the site(s) identified in this Licence. This is because, when determining this application, Natural England has considered the possible direct and indirect impact of the actions specified in this Licence on the designated features of these sites and is satisfied they are compatible with conserving and enhancing the special interest of the SSSIs.

Failure to comply with this Licence may result in an offence being committed and action taken against you.

It is your responsibility, as the licensee, to check whether any other permissions or consents, whether of a public or a private nature, are needed and, if any are needed, to acquire them before undertaking or permitting the activity specified in this Licence.

Additional Authorised Individuals

The additional authorised persons listed below are also authorised to act under the terms and conditions of this licence:

Title	First Name	Surname	Address Line 1	Postcode

Email thread 3

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 June 2022 15:22
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Christie Miller Sports Centre demolition/Gull chicks

Hi [REDACTED]

We had a query about whether they had a licence from Natural England to demolish Christie Miller where Gulls were nesting on the roof. Officers attended work ceased, Licence subsequently obtained from Natural England [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] WCO and [REDACTED] from Natural England were satisfied that conditions are being met, therefore no criminal offences going forward. [REDACTED] alluded in her email to [REDACTED] that it was to be expected that there will be further complaints however they were all clear to go ahead.

This was never a media issue.....

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for sending these across, I can see the roof is still in tact and the gulls as present. I just want to let you know that a licence has now been issued for the site, as I expect you will receive from further queries as the roof demolition commences.

If you have any concerns at any points during the demolition works please don't hesitate to get in touch and update us.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Senior Adviser – Complex Casework Team, National Operations

Natural England | Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5TL | Tel: [REDACTED] | Mob: [REDACTED]

Hope that's ok

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 June 2022 14:57
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Christie Miller Sports Centre demolition/Gull chicks

Hi [REDACTED]

My understanding is that there was a police complaint, but it is not being treated as a police matter. It's not something we've had media enquiries about at this stage.

However, I have copied in [REDACTED] from our Rural Crime Team who should be able to confirm that it's not something we're currently dealing with. [REDACTED] apologies, I know this keeps coming up, but I found it a bit confusing so wanted to make sure I was saying the right thing!

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Media Officer

Communications and Engagement Team – Wiltshire Police

Wiltshire Police Headquarters, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN

Please note: I don't work on Fridays

Email: [REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 June 2022 14:42
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Christie Miller Sports Centre demolition/Gull chicks

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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

I hope that you are well, [REDACTED] has asked me to get in contact as we have had a press enquiry regarding the Christie Miller Sports Centre demolition in Melksham and a complaint made to the Wiltshire Police Wildlife Crime Officer regarding the gull chick nests that may have been disturbed as a result of the works. Are you aware of any such complaints being made at all?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Communications and Engagement Officer
Communications, Marketing and Events Team

Wiltshire Council

Email: [REDACTED]

Web: www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council Communications: [REDACTED]



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Email thread 4

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 May 2022 11:48
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Christie Miller Sport Centre Demolition

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for speaking with me a moment ago and offering to take pictures of the site in its currently condition. I look forward to receiving them.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Senior Adviser – Complex Casework Team, National Operations
Natural England | Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5TL | Tel: [REDACTED] | Mob: [REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 10 June 2022 16:40

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Demolition work in Bowerhill, Wiltshire

I have contacted [REDACTED] and updated him of the outcome from [REDACTED] Natural England he was happy with that and that will conclude things on his side

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 June 2022 11:16

To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Demolition work in Bowerhill, Wiltshire

Hi all,

We've received the below email from the RSPB, which I think relates to Niche : [REDACTED] I've had a look through the Niche and can see that you've all had some sort of involvement with this issue.

I'm not working tomorrow, so would one of you be able to contact [REDACTED] on the below email address and update him from a police perspective? I'll drop him an email to let him know that someone will be in touch.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Media Officer

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Email: [REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 June 2022 16:55
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Demolition work in Bowerhill, Wiltshire

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Afternoon,

We've received a press enquiry today regarding a suspected wildlife crime. It relates to the demolition of the former Christie Miller Sports Centre in Bowerhill, Wiltshire. Planning application: [REDACTED]

Gulls and their chicks appear to be nesting on the roof of a building with demolition in progress. We've been asked to comment on the situation but I want to check whether it's something that has already been reported and whether an investigation is active.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

England Communications Officer

UK Headquarters The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL

Tel [REDACTED]

rspb.org.uk

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The RSPB is the UK's largest nature conservation charity, inspiring everyone to give nature a home. Together with our partners, we protect threatened birds and wildlife so our towns, coast and countryside will teem with life once again. We play a leading role in BirdLife International, a worldwide partnership of nature conservation organisations.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654

Email thread 6

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 June 2022 08:28

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Christie miller

Brilliant [REDACTED] if you can add to the niche that would be great x

...Guys if we get calls for the Christie Miller complex they are allowed to be doing it now!

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 28 May 2022 15:40

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Christie miller

Hi [REDACTED]

Just for your info!

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 28 May 2022 15:35

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Christie miller

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for sending these across, I can see the roof is still in tact and the gulls as present. I just want to let you know that a licence has now been issued for the site, as I expect you will receive from further queries as the roof demolition commences.

If you have any concerns at any points during the demolition works please don't hesitate to get in touch and update us.

Kind regards,

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From: ██████████

Sent: 28 May 2022 09:31

To: ██████████

Subject: FW: Christie miller

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Sending this again as I had an email error yesterday.

If you zoom into the photos you can see the nesting birds.

Kind regards

██████████

From: ██████████

Sent: 27 May 2022 16:35

To: ██████████

Subject: Christie miller

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 May 2022 15:37
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Christie miller

Hi [REDACTED]

Will do. Surprisingly we have only had the one complaint from [REDACTED] usually has a lot to say about conservation/wildlife etc issues.

Hope you have a nice w/e.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Sent: 28 May 2022 15:35
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 May 2022 14:13
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Christie Miller Sport Centre Demolition

Hi [REDACTED]

I'VE SENT YOU A FEW PHOTOS, SO HOPE YOU'VE GOT THEM.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 May 2022 11:48
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Christie Miller Sport Centre Demolition

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Email thread 9

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 04 May 2022 13:17

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Automatic reply: seagulls on roof of Christie Miller demolition site Melksham

I am currently on sick leave.

If you have an urgent query relating to wild bird licensing, please contact [REDACTED]

For urgent queries relating to other matters, please contact [REDACTED]

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Email thread 10

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 April 2022 16:26

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: A09 application form to remove gulls

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Many thanks [REDACTED]

Since talking on the phone, I have been advised we have a falconer attending site tomorrow. I will keep you up to date on progress.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | **SAMFM Technical Lead - Contracts** | **Strategic Asset Maintenance & Facilities Management**

Housing and Commercial development | Wiltshire Council, Bourne Hill, SP1 3UZ

T. [REDACTED] M. [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 April 2022 16:08

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: A09 application form to remove gulls

All received please keep myself and [REDACTED] updated on how it is working out

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 April 2022 16:03
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: A09 application form to remove gulls

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Please see below.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | **SAMFM Technical Lead - Contracts | Strategic Asset Maintenance & Facilities Management**
Housing and Commercial development | Wiltshire Council, Bourne Hill, SP1 3UZ
T. [REDACTED] M. [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 25 April 2022 16:01

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: A09 application form to remove gulls

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for calling a moment ago, as promised, please see attached the A09 application form. Just to reiterate what I said on the phone:

- You must be able to demonstrate that the delaying the demolition would compromise public health and safety – a letter of confirmation from the site safety manager will be enough to do this
- As the gulls are still in the early stages of nest building, you will need to attempt to prevent them from nesting further. Common deterrents include
 - o Falconry
 - o Distress call device
 - o Lasers (can be costly but may be appropriate for short term if available for hire)
 - o Wires, flags or streamers (likely not practical at this site but may be worth investigating)

Your contractor should be able to advise on what is most appropriate for the site.

In the event that the deterrents do not work and the gulls continue to build or lay eggs, please complete the attached form and send back to me preferably with a H&S manager report.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate drop me an email or call.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Senior Adviser – Complex Casework Team, National Operations

Natural England | Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5TL | Tel: [REDACTED] | Mob: [REDACTED]

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Email thread 11

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 04 July 2022 10:18

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Christie Miller

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for getting back to me that was what I was told all the photos are on my mobile and all are time stamped and the geolocation of where they were taken from the licence was granted on 28th May I have photos of chicks on the 7th June 10 days after the licence was granted these were big chicks walking about the incubation period is 30 days and I was told by natural england all these chicks were culled between 7th June and 10th June this is all documented it proves without doubt that work was being carried out when nests and eggs were present I cant see how much more proof is needed I am in wiltshire this week and can meet up and show you photos all time stamp to prove that work was being carried out when nest and eggs were present

Kind regards

[REDACTED]



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On Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 8:50 AM, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

I understand that you have been in touch with Avon and Somerset over the destruction of nests on Christie Miller. I wanted to confirm that this was reported to Wiltshire police Crime number [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the local Wildlife Crime Officer I believe has also been in touch with you, and has updated you that we would not be taking this further due to lack of physical evidence prior to the licence being gained.

In order to prove there were nests active at the time of destruction we would require dated images taken immediately prior to the destruction (with time date stamps) of the intact roof structure. [REDACTED] received some images from you that were after part of the roof had been removed, and a gulls nest that didn't have any stamp dates or context. If you have other images with regards to the above then we will review them. However as you are aware [REDACTED] was also liaising with Natural England and they were satisfied that the company have adhered to the licence

If you have further images I will have a look and review them with my sgt

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Rural Crime Team | Wiltshire Police

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Mail: Melksham Police Station Hampton Park West, Wiltshire SN126QQ

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Email thread 12

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 June 2022 08:37
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Christie Miller - seagulls

A no from me about hedge cutting there was something in the press last year but you are totally correct unless a large establish hedge is taken out (over a certain meterage then that would be a planning breach) and although it says best not to cut hedges from March to August each year it is only advisory and like you say it is the Wildlife and Country side act kicks in if there is evidence that birds nest have been destroyed pics dated etc unless you were called to scene at the time and witnessed broken eggs and nests scattered.

The advise is spot on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 June 2022 13:42
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Christie Miller - seagulls

Hello [REDACTED]

I have been asked to contact you about the demolition of Christie Miller, Melksham whilst seagulls were in situ. Demolition was stopped until the demolition company had carried out measures to scare the birds away. Destruction of wildlife is upsetting however Natural England was satisfied the demolition company had complied with measures to scare the birds away and issued a Licence accordingly for the work to continue.

With regards to the hedge cutting – my colleague was unable to find any report regarding this. Potentially hedge cutting can be carried out as long as the hedge has been thoroughly checked for nesting birds as they will be protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act; offences will be committed under that act if evidence is provided showing for example photos of birds nest destruction that show the nests in situ and are dated relevantly. The hedges you mentioned have been cut down intermittently so presumably there were no nesting birds in those sections.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Neighbourhood Team Melksham Rural

E: [REDACTED]

M: [REDACTED]

Email thread 13

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 June 2022 07:44
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Christie Miller - seagulls

Hi [REDACTED]

I didn't see any photos of gull chicks.

I don't know what the Licence means, ie should the demo company be responsible for rescuing chicks or should Natural England be involved?

Please advise

Thank you
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 June 2022 19:04
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Christie Miller - seagulls

Thank you [REDACTED]

However if you look at the Melksham news, on the inside continuation page there is a picture of a gull chick still alive amongst the debris. I don't know if the chick was rescued but this is not only inhumane but may have been a red listed herring gull chick.

If Natural England were satisfied, the standard reply from the council, then something has been missed, and I would like it taken further please.

Avian flu is devastating the wild bird population right now, especially sea birds. How can it be justified to leave a potentially red listed gull chick to perish amongst demolition rubble?

Regarding the hedge cutting, it is doubtful that the hedges were checked for nest as it was cut using the flail machine. Hey Ho - yet another battle for nature and nesting birds lost.

Please look into the abandoned gull chick further.

Best wishes
[REDACTED]

On Sun, 26 Jun 2022 at 13:42, [REDACTED] wrote:

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Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Neighbourhood Team Melksham Rural

E: [REDACTED]

M: [REDACTED]

Email thread 14

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 13 June 2022 09:18

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Demolition work in Bowerhill, Wiltshire

Hello [REDACTED]

A Licence to allow the demolition work to proceed was issued by Natural England. This information is on the occurrence.

The issue here is that Wiltshire Council hired a demolition company to carry out the work without checking on the seagulls first, consequently the work began and was reported due to nesting birds so the demolition company had to hire a Falconer to scare the birds away for four days, subsequently Natural England granted a Licence for the demolition to continue.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 June 2022 11:16

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Demolition work in Bowerhill, Wiltshire

Hi all,

We've received the below email from the RSPB, which I think relates to Niche : [REDACTED] I've had a look through the Niche and can see that you've all had some sort of involvement with this issue.

I'm not working tomorrow, so would one of you be able to contact [REDACTED] on the below email address and update him from a police perspective? I'll drop him an email to let him know that someone will be in touch.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Media Officer

Communications and Engagement Team – Wiltshire Police

Wiltshire Police Headquarters, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN

Please note: I don't work on Fridays

Email: [REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 June 2022 16:55

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Demolition work in Bowerhill, Wiltshire

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Afternoon,

We've received a press enquiry today regarding a suspected wildlife crime. It relates to the demolition of the former Christie Miller Sports Centre in Bowerhill, Wiltshire. Planning application: [REDACTED]

Gulls and their chicks appear to be nesting on the roof of a building with demolition in progress. We've been asked to comment on the situation but I want to check whether it's something that has already been reported and whether an investigation is active.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

England Communications Officer

UK Headquarters The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL

Tel [REDACTED]

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