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Dear Tim Day

### **Access to information – Request No RFI 5499**

Thank you for your request for the information detailed below which we received on 17 March 2021. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You requested the following information and our response has been provided below:

- 1. Please provide me with a breakdown of badgers killed during the [Derbyshire] cull by locality. “Local Area” preferably will be a Parish area, if that level of detail is unavailable then please provide me with the local authority area. If neither are available please provide me with the local information that you do hold.**

Natural England does not collect information on the number of badgers culled on a parish or local authority level. The geographic dataset for badger control licences does not capture this information. Therefore, EIR Regulation 12(4)(a) – information not held, applies. The number of animals dispatched by the two different licensed methods (controlled shooting and cage trapping and dispatch) across the whole area has been published and can be viewed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bovine-tb-summary-of-badger-control-monitoring-during-2020>

- 2. Please provide me with the number of badgers collected for disposal from each of the [Derbyshire cull] storage sites along with the approximate location of that site. To clarify, I define a cull storage site as a location where licenced shooters and/or trappers drop off the badgers they have killed during the cull for disposal.**

Natural England does not collect information on how many badgers are deposited at each storage site across licensed areas. Therefore, EIR Regulation 12(4)(a) – information not held, applies. This is an operation matter for individual licensed companies and they are not required to report to Natural England or any other government department on this detail.

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Yours sincerely

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