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Our ref: RFI 5525  
Date: 24 June 2013

Dear [REDACTED],

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF CULLING

Thank you for your request for information about what further methods of badger culling are being considered, which we received on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013. As you know, we have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

There are currently no research and development projects investigating alternative culling methods, and as such no trials of alternative culling methods are being run. Further research into this area has been identified as an evidence requirement in the TB evidence Plan published in March 2013. The evidence plan can be found at:  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/181866/pb13909-evidenceplan-bovine-tuberculosis.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/181866/pb13909-evidenceplan-bovine-tuberculosis.pdf).

I attach Annex A giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Annex A**

### **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: [requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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