

Natural England

Summary of Chargeable Services

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Natural England provides a range of chargeable services:

- 1. Projects that require planning permission** – this service allows you to receive advice on your project if it requires planning permission and the project is likely to impact on Sites of Special Scientific Interest, National Parks or Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty or legally protected species. Further information on the service can be found [here](#).
- 2. Projects permitted and delivered by a public body** - this service allows you to receive advice on your project if your organisation permits its own project and the project is likely to impact on Sites of Special Scientific Interest, National Parks or Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty or legally protected species. Further information on the service can be found at [here](#).
- 3. Organisational Licence Service** - is available for organisations and businesses wanting a single licence to cover low and temporary impact activities affecting one or more protected species. An Organisational Licence avoids the requirement to apply for individual protected species licences, providing certain conditions are met.
- 4. Pre-Submission Screening Service** – this service allows you to receive advice on whether your draft protected species licence proposals are likely to meet the licensing test requirements and what changes you can make to meet the requirements. The service provides a review of the licence documents, a written summary of Natural England's advice and the opportunity for a site visit. Further information on this service can be found [here](#).
- 5. Natural England Training or Technical Advice** - using our specialist knowledge we have developed a range of bespoke training courses and materials relevant to planning, species licensing. We can also provide bespoke technical advice to meet the needs of individual organisations.

You can access our chargeable services through a variety of means. Commonly this is undertaken on a defined scope basis where we operate under an individual contract and provide an agreed range of services at £110/hr plus VAT.

For larger or multiple projects over longer timescales we can agree different ways of working to suit the customer:

- **Undefined scope contract** - for larger projects where multiple services needed over a period of time within a pre-approved budget. Customers can repeatedly use the services up to the budget all under one contract. Normal hourly rate applies.
- **Framework agreements** - where multiple contracts are brought together under one overarching agreement. New contracts can be easily added to the framework. Normal hourly rate applies.
- **Service Level Agreement** - for customers who require regular access to chargeable services as part of a large project, multiple projects or across an organisation. This potentially involves dedicated Natural England staff who are aligned to the project/organisation. A lower hourly rate may apply, with an agreed payment schedule.