



# Notice of Intention to Apply for a Zoo Licence

## Zoo Licence Act 1981

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### FORM FOR NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A ZOO LICENCE (NEW ZOOS AND EXISTING ZOOS SUBJECT TO A DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 6(1)(B) OF THE ACT

(Note:- this is a suggested form for the notice which applicants seeking a licence for a new zoo (or applicants subject to a direction under section 6(1)(b) of the Act) are required to give to the local authority in accordance with section 2(1) of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981)

1. I/We Walworth Castle Birds of Prey Ltd, Walworth Castle, Darlington DL2 2LY

[Insert name and address of intended applicant/s]

hereby give notice that in not less than two months after publication in one local newspaper and one national newspaper of a notice of intention to make an application for a licence to operate a proposed zoo at

Walworth Castle, Darlington DL2 2LY

[Insert situation of zoo]

I/We intend to make an application for such a licence to Darlington Borough Council, in whose area the whole of major part of the zoo is to be situated.

2. The particulars with regard to the proposed zoo and its operation, as required by section 2(2) of the Act, are as follows-

a) Section 2 (2)(a) – Animals

#### **Taxonomic category of Order and approximate number in each group**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Sex (if known)	Number
See attached sheet			

[Note – as an alternative to listing on this form a proposed stock list may be attached]

Give brief details of the animal accommodation to be provided (i.e. the number, type, approximate size and security of enclosure, including confined quarters during the night and winter, and grouping of animals). [Note – if preferred, this information may be submitted in the form of annotated drawings or plans. In any event, a plan showing the proposed layout of the zoo should be submitted]

All birds are free lofted in aviaries, each aviary varies in size dependant on the bird being housed, each aviary has adequate shelter and the owls also have owl boxes within their aviaries. Every aviary is secured using a combination padlock and the centre itself is protected with an alarm system. Our birds are all housed individually as they are only

used for flying and not breeding or solely for display.

X2 small aviaries for little owl and southern whitefaced, x7 owl aviaries all with internal owl boxes, x 11 chambers for hawks and falcons

A variety of perches are available in each with varied covering to reduce the risk of corns etc

### Maintenance and well-being

Give brief details of arrangements to be made for the animals' maintenance and well-being, including information about the provision, storage and preparation of food and arrangements for veterinary care, including preventative measures.

Aviaries are cleaned daily, birds equipment checked and also their health and general wellbeing. All birds are weighed daily unless moulting and records are kept of daily weight, flight performance, condition and food given.

Food is stored in the food preparation room, food stored in freezer and defrosted then kept in fridge and we have a stainless steel sink and drainer used for preparation, food room is cleaned twice daily

Birds are wormed monthly, they are all fed a varied diet and everywhere is kept clean ensuring they remain in as good health as possible, we have a local veterinarian on hand at any time to offer support and advice

Aviaries are cleaned to prevent disease and infection

Birds have clean water/baths available 24 hrs a day, water changed daily

### **Section 2(2)(b) – Staff**

#### **Staff Numbers and Categories**

Give details of the numbers and categories of staff to be employed in the zoo.

i) Senior Administrative staff under director/manager	1
ii) Other administrative staff	
iii) Keeper Staff	2
iv) Maintenance Staff	
v) Others (please specify)	Shop 1

### **c) Section 2(2)(c) – Visitors and Motor Vehicles**

i) Approximate number of visitors who are to be accommodated per day

ii) Type and size of car-parking facilities (if any)	Existing Hotel Car parks
iii) Safari Parks – approximate number of vehicles which are to be accommodated per day	

**d) Section (2A) – Conservation Measures**

Please specify and provide details of how the conservation measures referred to in section 1A of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 are being or will be implemented at the zoo – copy of section 1A attached at Appendix A

We intend to promote education and awareness through our continued school visits, daily falconry displays and activity days. We also feel it is important to educate on the care and wellbeing of captive bred birds to try to avoid so many birds being kept poorly in captivity as “pets”, we do this through our displays and talks on a daily basis

The centre has numerous information available relating to our native birds of prey and their conservation and this is also something we touch heavily on in talks and displays especially the plight of our native Barn Owl

It is also of huge importance to us to educate in respect of our native wildlife not just birds of prey, we do this through pond dipping, nature trails, mini beast hunting and native songbird feeding and housing

We also are involved in breeding projects with Thorp Perrow and plan to continue this further into the future

Signed  (Intended Zoo Operator)

Date

**Useful information available to applicants:**

[Information about the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 \(Amendment\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2002](#)

Where to find it – available from your Local Authority who are responsible for administering the Act or from DEFRA at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/gwd/index.htm> or Tel: 0117 372 8209.

Secretary of State’s Standards of Modern Zoo Practice

Where to find it - available at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/gwd/index.htm> or from your Local Authority who are responsible for administering the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (as amended). Hard copies are also available from DEFRA.

Government Circular Guidance 02/2003 on the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002)

Where to find it – available at

[www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/gwd/zoo.htm#circular](http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/gwd/zoo.htm#circular)

Alternatively, hard copies can be obtained by contacting:

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Zoos Forum Handbook

Where to find it – hard copies of available chapters can be obtained from DEFRA at the above address, electronic versions can be downloaded from <http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/gwd/zoosforum/index.htm>.