

Date: 18 October 2011

Dear Consultee

### **Consultation on the Rabies Control Strategy**

1. I am writing to invite views on the draft rabies control strategy, which sets out a framework for how an incident or outbreak of rabies in England and/or Wales would be managed.
2. The following documents may be found on Defra's website:  
[www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/10/18/rabies-control-strategy/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/10/18/rabies-control-strategy/)
  - A copy of this letter
  - The consultation document
  - A list of consultees
3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation. Please contact us via the address below.

### **Responses**

4. Please send responses to either:

Rabies Control Strategy Consultation  
Defra  
Area 5A  
Nobel House  
17 Smith Square  
London  
SW1P 3JR

Or email: [dan.skerten@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:dan.skerten@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

5. Responses should be received by **16 December 2011**. The period for the consultation is 8 weeks rather than the standard 12 weeks as rather than a general consultation seeking broad views, this is a specialised exercise involving those key partners and stakeholders likely to be impacted in any rabies incident. If you would like to discuss

the control strategy in more detail before submitting a response, please contact us at the address above to arrange a meeting.

## Consultation Criteria

6. This consultation is in line with the Code of practice on Consultations. This can be found at <http://www.berr.gov.uk/bre/>
6. When this consultation ends, we intend to put a copy of the responses in the Defra library at Ergon House, London. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.
7. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.
8. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/default.asp>. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:

Defra  
Information Resource Centre  
Lower Ground Floor  
Ergon House  
17 Smith Square  
London  
SW1P 3JR

Telephone: 020-7238-6575  
Email: [defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

Please give the library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.

9. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Marjorie Addo, Defra's Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 7C Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or email [consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk).

10. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours Faithfully

Dan Skerten  
Strategic Animal Health Policy Programme

**Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**