

### What?

- Badgers are short, stout, powerful animals with the characteristic black and white striped face.
- They are nocturnal and live in underground 'setts' that can extend well over 50 metres! A badger sett entrance is usually D-shaped and around 30cm in diameter.
- There may be freshly excavated material at the entrance to a sett or piles of vegetation which the badgers use as bedding.
- There may also be evidence of badger latrines nearby.



### Why?

Badgers and their setts are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Protection of Badgers Act 1992. In England and Wales it is an offence to:

- Willfully kill, injure or take a badger or attempt to do so
- Cruelly ill-treat a badger
- Dig for a badger
- Intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy a badger sett, or obstruct access to it
- Cause a dog to enter a badger sett
- Disturb a badger when it is occupying a sett



### Do ✓

- ✓ Immediately stop work and report any badger sett found on the site where you are working or close to the site boundary
- ✓ Seek guidance from a competent person before doing any work within 30 metres of a badger sett



### Don't ✗

- ✗ Don't carry out any works that are likely to disturb, damage or destroy a badger sett



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