

Problems with the proposed badger cull.

Such a massive badger cull is hugely problematic. Many badgers will survive, but with their social groups disrupted. WAG admit that a badly delivered cull will increase bTB in the cull area, and that any cull is "highly likely" to increase bTB in the surrounding zone.

The cull is supposed to take place alongside cattle measures. However, existing controls are often ignored, and officials handle outbreaks of bTB very poorly. The cull is a diversion from truly effective measures.

If the incidence of bTB does reduce, WAG will say the cull is working and continue. Who will know which measure was effective and many more badgers will be culled. Post mortems are not even to be carried out on culled badgers.

The 4 million pounds of taxpayer's money would be better spent on important public services.

A cull will encourage criminals who wish to harm badgers by snaring, digging and shooting. Badger-baiters could access live-trapped badgers for their evil sport.

The tourist industry in Wales could be badly affected. Holidays cancelled where the slaughter of a much-loved animal is taking place. The good image of farming in Wales will be badly tarnished.

A badger cull will affect other eco-systems, with likely, damaging effects on wildlife and farming in the future.

Many landowners will not allow a badger cull on their land. However, WAG intends to seek draconian powers of entry, overriding peoples' civil liberties and severely compromising democracy in Wales. Vaccination would unite people and ensure co-operation, thus saving a considerable expense in policing a cull.

Stop the Badger Cull - Join the PAC!

We believe that a clear majority of landowners in the cull area are opposed to killing badgers. If we speak as a united voice, democracy should prevail. A confidential register of objectors is being compiled and will be presented to Elin Jones AM, Minister for Rural Affairs, along with a map showing the amount of land the objectors are responsible for.

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It is vital we keep up the political pressure. Please write to:

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Paul Davies AM (Preseli Pembrokeshire, and a supporter of the badger cull.)

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It is very important to contact your own AM and voice your opinion face to face or telephone them as soon as possible. Their addresses, phone numbers and e-mails are on www.wales.gov.uk

Please note that this leaflet is a summary of some of the current information available and PAC is constantly updating this as new information arises either through new research or questions to the WAG. The website will be updated accordingly.



Pembrokeshire Against the Cull is a group of landowners, farmers and residents living in the proposed badger cull area. We take bovine TB seriously and recognise its impact on the farming community, of which many of us are a part. However, we oppose killing badgers because scientific trials have shown that it is unlikely to help. Badger populations would need to be decimated over many years and huge areas, with perhaps a very small bTB reduction in the immediate cull area, but an increased incidence on neighbouring farms. Any such cull would be an unacceptable assault on native wildlife, and is likely to prove so impractical that it would make the problem worse. Experts acknowledge that a tighter testing regime for cattle, much better handling of bTB occurrence on farms and better bio security will lower the incidence and spread of bTB, paving the way for vaccination of both badgers and cattle in the imminent future.

VACCINATION NOT EXTERMINATION!