

A response is required to this consultation from everyone who cares about TB control and their cattle herds. Closes next Friday 26th June.

Bovine TB: Consultation on proposals to manage the delivery of both badger vaccination and culling in Edge counties.

Defra are consulting on a proposal to manage the delivery of both vaccination and culling of badgers in the Edge Area of England, especially where they take place on adjacent sites.

Defra's proposal aims to reduce the risk of culling vaccinated badgers **and are looking to put large no cull buffer zones** around vaccination sites.

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/animal-health-and-welfare/badger-no-cull-zones-edge-area/>

This consultation has the potential to have a large impact on the bTB eradication strategy, particularly within the edge area counties. Over time the outcome of the consultation could be felt across the country, so it's important we ensure a strong response by the deadline of the **26th June.**

As the NFU, we've all the information surrounding the consultation, including our response and a tool to assist in responding to the consultation on this webpage

<https://www.nfuonline.com/sectors/animal-health/animal-health-rh-panel/bovine-tb/bovine-tb-news/defra-tb-consultation-edge-area-wildlife-control-respond-here/>.

It's vital we get as many responses as possible to the consultation – click the link above now and respond.

Encourage others associated with farming and the countryside such as feed reps to respond to the consultation – if not NFU members they will need to use the DEFRA link.

NFU can't emphasise enough how important it is that you respond. A short response, such as NO at question 5 in the DEFRA consultation is better than no response.

The main message is: In terms of TB control buffer zones make no sense at all, as there will be no vaccination and no culling in those areas. The larger the buffer zone the worse the implications. The consultation proposes buffer zones up to 2km in width.