Thank you for responding to the Local Government and Regeneration Committee’s Call for Evidence on the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill. All submissions will be examined and considered as part of the Committee’s scrutiny of the Bill.

Please be aware that questions marked with an asterisk (*) require an answer before you can submit the form.

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2. Please confirm that you have read and understood the Scottish Parliaments “Policy on the treatment of written evidence by subject and mandatory committees”:

✓ Yes

3. Please confirm whether you are content for your name to be published with your submission:

✓ Yes

☐ No

4. Which of the three categories below best describes your interest in the Bill (please tick only one)?

✓ Personal

☐ Professional

☐ Commercial

5. Do you wish your email to be added to the Committee’s distribution list for updates on progress of the Bill:

✓ Yes

☐ No
6. Invitations to give oral evidence to the Committee on the Bill will be based on the submissions received. If you wish your submission to be included amongst those considered for possible invitation to give oral evidence, please indicate here.

☑ Yes

☐ No

7. You may answer questions on the entire Bill, or on any part of the Bill. Please indicate which parts of the Bill you are responding to? (You may select as many options that apply).

☐ All of the Bill

☐ Equalities, climate change and other Scottish Government objectives

☑ Air Weapons

☐ General licensing issues

☐ Alcohol licensing

☐ Civic licensing – taxi/private hire car licensing

☐ Civic licensing – scrap metal dealers

☐ Civic licensing – theatre licensing

☐ Civic licensing – sexual entertainment venues
1. **Air Weapons Licensing**

You may respond to all the questions or only those you have a specific interest in. (Text boxes have no word limit, they will increase in size accordingly).

13. In what ways will the creation of an air weapons licensing system in Scotland contribute to preserving public order and safety, reducing crime and advancing public health policy?

   This will have no effect offences are reducing with the existing conditions

14. Is there sufficient provision, or sufficient capacity to provide, suitable numbers of air weapons clubs across all areas of Scotland for use by registered air weapons owners/users?

   There is not enough clubs catering for airgun shooters Fire arms clubs may accept airguns but will only consider them inconvenient as the ranges airguns shoot are different to that shot by firearms

15. How will the air weapons licensing system affect those using air weapons for personal/recreational use?

   Airguns are a comparatively cheap way of shooting and if the cost of a license is added and shooting has to be done at a club using firearms it will only cause shooters to go the way of getting a licence to shoot firearms
16. How will the air weapons licensing system affect those aged 14 to 17 who use air weapons?

Parent will probably have the job of transporting the shooters to the clubs as juniors are not allowed to carry guns in public.

17. How will the air weapons licensing system affect those using air weapons for commercial/professional reasons (for example: for pest control; as part of the tourist/hunting season; as part of fairs, paintballing centre, entertainment sector etc.)?

A licence will not affect commercial events as the additional cost will be passed on to the customer.

18. How will the air weapons licensing system affect those using air weapons for competitive sporting purposes?

As the air guns used for competitive shooting are expensive the cost of a license will just be an additional burden.

19. Is it equitable for those applying for an air weapons certificate to pay a fee which cannot be refundable irrespective of whether a certificate is granted or not?

No
20. Will the air weapons licensing system have a positive or negative impact on other areas of the public sector in Scotland (eg. The work of local government, public agencies etc.)?

The obvious effect will be to add an additional work for local authorities or police to implement the licences.

21. What, if any, might the unintended consequences of introducing an air weapons licensing system in Scotland be?

If additional conditions are applied to a licence ie shooting in gardens, this will in my area lead to less grey squirrels being shot and more small bird killed by magpies I also teach youngsters to initially train with airguns starting in my garden before using firearms at a club (for Duke of Edinburgh Award).

22. Do you have any other comments to make on air weapons licensing aspects of the Bill?

This licence appears to be unnecessary as airgun crime has and is reducing. The only effect it will have is to collect money and not all shooters will apply.