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**Finlay Carson MSP**  
**Convenor of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee**  
The Scottish Parliament  
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Dear Convenor,

**Letter from rural businesses regarding the implications of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn Bill**

Last week nearly 400 rural businesses wrote to the Environment Minister, Gillian Martin MSP, to set out several concerns in relation to the Wildlife Management and Muirburn Bill.

The letter – which I have appended to this correspondence for your reference – warns of the implications of the draft section 16AA licence for grouse shooting, and sets out how four critical flaws could be remedied by way of amendment.

Given the deep-seated concern among a wide range of rural businesses that is evident in the letter, I am sharing it with the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee so it can be considered as part of your stage 1 deliberations. I hope the committee finds its contents useful and constructive.

Yours sincerely,

**Ross Ewing**  
**Director of Moorland**  
**Scottish Land & Estates**

## **APPENDIX 1**

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05 September 2023

**Gillian Martin MSP**  
**Minister for Energy and the Environment**  
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Dear Minister,

### **The Implications of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn Bill on Rural Scotland**

We are writing to you today regarding the Wildlife Management and Muirburn Bill and its implications for rural Scotland. The signatories to this letter share one thing in common: we are all rural businesses that constitute an integral part of Scotland's rural economy. Many of us are rural estates with grouse shooting interests that are providing high-quality jobs in fragile communities, as well as considerable investment in biodiversity and nature conservation. Others are diverse enterprises which benefit inordinately from the business generated by rural estates throughout the year across a range of functions and services. Today we stand united in warning you of the consequences of the draft Bill in its present form, with particular reference to the section 16AA licence for grouse shooting.

We know the Scottish Government understands the importance of grouse shooting to the socio-economic and cultural fabric of rural Scotland. Research commissioned on your behalf<sup>1</sup> is clear that, out of comparable upland land uses, grouse shooting provides: the greatest number of jobs per hectare; the highest levels of local and regional spending; and the greatest levels of investment per hectare without public subsidy. With thousands of full-time equivalent jobs (both direct and indirect) supported by the sector, its socio-economic importance to rural communities cannot be overstated.

With regards to the environmental attributes, these too have been plain to see for many years. Predator control has been found to triple the effectiveness of breeding in lapwing, golden plover, red grouse and meadow pipit<sup>2</sup>; while a study just published has found that red-listed curlew – whose UK population has been in decline since the 1990s – raise four times as many chicks on grouse moors than on unmanaged moorland sites<sup>3</sup>. Meanwhile muirburn – the controlled, rotational burning of heather – has been found to benefit curlew<sup>4</sup>, golden plover<sup>5</sup>, merlin<sup>6</sup>, whinchat<sup>5</sup> and lesser redpoll<sup>5</sup>, as well as vegetation associated with peat formation such as sphagnum moss<sup>7</sup>. It is unsurprising that, in his evidence to the Scottish Parliament's rural affairs and islands committee on 14 June, renowned ornithologist Professor Ian Newton OBE FRS FRSE remarked that "we have no interest in reducing the areas of grouse moors at all". In a nature crisis, it is not difficult to understand why.

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<sup>1</sup> Thomson, S., McMorran, R., Newey, S., Matthews, K.B., Fielding, D., Miller, D.G., Glass, J., Gandossi, G., McMillan, J. and Spencer, M. (2020) Summary Report - Socio-economic and biodiversity impacts of driven grouse moors in Scotland. Commissioned report for Scottish Government (CR/2019/01)

<sup>2</sup> Fletcher, K., Aebischer, N. J., Baines, D., Foster, R., and Hoodless, A. N. (2010) Changes in breeding success and abundance of ground-nesting moorland birds in relation to the experimental deployment of legal predator control. *Journal of Applied Ecology*, Vol 47, pp. 263-272.

<sup>3</sup> Baines, D., Fletcher, K., Hesford, N., Newborn, D. and Richardson, M. (2023) Lethal predator control on UK moorland is associated with high breeding success of curlew, a globally near-threatened wader. *European Journal of Wildlife Research*, 69:6.

<sup>4</sup> Newey, S., Mustin, K., Bryce, R., Fielding, D., Redpath, S., Bunnefeld, N., Bronwen, D. and Irvine, R. J. (2016) Impact of Management on Avian Communities in the Scottish Highlands. *PLoS ONE*, Vol 11, pp. 1-15.

<sup>5</sup> Pearce-Higgins, J. W. and Yalden, D. W. (2004) Habitat selection, diet, arthropod availability and growth of a moorland wader: the ecology of European golden plover. *Ibis*, vol 146, pp. 335-346.

<sup>6</sup> Newey, S., Fielding, D., Miller, D.G., Matthews, K.B. and Thomson, S. (2020). Biodiversity considerations on grouse moors. Part 4 of Research to assess socioeconomic and biodiversity impacts of driven grouse moors and to understand the rights of gamekeepers: Report to the Scottish Government, pp-29.

<sup>7</sup> Whitehead, S. C. and Baines, D. (2018) Moorland vegetation responses following prescribed burning on blanket peat. *International Journal of Wildland Fire*, Vol 27, pp. 658-664.

Despite the numerous and considerable socio-economic, environmental and cultural attributes of grouse shooting, it is our assessment that the Wildlife Management and Muirburn Bill *will* – in its current form – have the net impact of reducing the overall area of moorland managed for grouse shooting in Scotland, contrary to Professor Newton’s expert view. We consider there to be four fatal flaws with the section 16AA licence that will disincentivise investment by creating a climate of business uncertainty, exacerbated by a total lack of procedural safeguards for licence holders – some of which are potentially non-compliant with the European Convention on Human Rights. We set out each flaw in turn below.

- First, the proposed licence duration of one year [section 7(5)(b)] is completely inconsistent with the long-term nature of the investment and land management associated with grouse shooting. A year-to-year licensing scheme would fail to provide sufficient certainty to investors, as it would not guarantee a meaningful return on an investment over a number of years. This is exacerbated by the excessive discretionary powers of NatureScot at the point of application (see next paragraph). This provision would afflict single and multi-investor arrangements, ultimately resulting in a discontinuation of investment. It would also create an excessive administrative burden for both applicant and regulator for no obvious public benefit. We therefore urge the Scottish Government to grant licences in perpetuity to provide maximum certainty for investors.
- Second, NatureScot has the power to determine – at the point of the proposed annual application – whether or not it is “appropriate” to grant a licence [Section 7(2)(1)]. This is a broad discretionary assessment that again detracts from providing investors with certainty to invest. It should also be noted that the appropriateness test effectively creates a two-tiered approach to imposing penalties, whereby licences could be refused on lower evidential grounds than they can be suspended or revoked. We consider the determination of appropriateness to be exceedingly subjective, and therefore urge the Scottish Government to create a rebuttable presumption *in favour* of granting licences. Prescription could be advantageous in this regard, and we feel the scheme could be materially improved through a provision to the effect of: “Licences shall be granted unless ... NatureScot is satisfied that a relevant offence had been committed.”
- Third, NatureScot has the power to suspend licences, even if it is not satisfied that a relevant offence has been committed, provided there is an official investigation into a suspected relevant offence [section 7(8)(c)]. We consider this provision to be excessive and disproportionate, as it opens the door to licences being suspended without satisfying any burden of proof at all, and would inevitably be subject to legal challenge. Official investigations can easily be triggered by malicious or vexatious allegations, and indeed even on the back of raptor carcasses being handed to police by estate staff in good faith – as happened in the Glen Quaich area of Perthshire in April 2022. This provision is wide open to exploitation by anti-shooting activists (who, as you will be aware, are already mounting efforts to disrupt grouse shooting, especially at the start of the season where such disruption can inflict maximum damage). The statutory right to appeal against suspension will also be weakened, as any Sheriff will be obliged to consider that NatureScot do not actually have to be satisfied of a relevant offence having been committed in order to suspend a licence. The lack of safeguards associated with this provision will have a chilling impact on the continuation of investment, and we therefore urge the Scottish Government to remove this provision *in toto*, or – as a minimum – make it a requirement for NatureScot to be satisfied that a relevant offence had been committed before suspending a licence.
- Finally, the relevant offences cover a broad range of wildlife crimes that extend far beyond the persecution of raptors [section 7(11)], which was identified in the Werritty report as being the basis for possible moves to introduce licencing. Any licensing scheme ought to be rationally connected to addressing the policy aim, going no further than is required to satisfy said aim. In this

instance, the policy aim has always revolved around tackling the persecution of raptors – an issue that was, historically, a problem on Scotland’s grouse moors, and has now been reduced to the lowest levels on record. However, the policy memorandum (paragraph 106) talks about tackling wildlife crime in the broadest sense on Scotland’s grouse moors, despite there being no causal evidence to suggest a link between grouse moors and offences under: i) the Hunting with Dogs Act 2023; ii) the Protection of Badgers Act 1992; iii) the Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996; and iv) part 3 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994. The inclusion of these offences is disproportionate, unreasonable, completely unsupported by empirical evidence and would inevitably be subject to legal challenge. In the interests of making good law, we urge the Scottish Government to remove reference to Acts that contain offences with no substantiated link to moorland management for grouse shooting.

We implore you to listen to the concerns we have outlined in this letter, and take the necessary action to make the section 16AA licence workable, proportionate and reasonable. There will be a significant risk of litigation if basic procedural safeguards for licence holders are not introduced. It is also our unanimous view that failure to get this scheme right will lead to disastrous and irreversible implications for rural businesses and communities, not to mention nature and the amber and red-listed species whose last remaining strongholds are situated on moorland managed for grouse shooting. We believe a workable outcome is within reach, provided the Scottish Government is willing to respond to our concerns. We very much hope you are willing to work with us.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this open letter, a copy of which has been shared with the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee as part of their stage 1 deliberations.

Yours faithfully,

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Bill Drummond Moray

Allargue Estate  
Adrian Walker

Alvie & Dalraddy Estates  
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