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
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* 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.

Γ Yes

Γ 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).

Γ All of the Bill

Γ Equalities, climate change and other Scottish Government objectives

Γ Air Weapons

Γ General licensing issues

Γ Alcohol licensing

Γ Civic licensing – taxi/private hire car licensing

Γ Civic licensing – scrap metal dealers

Γ Civic licensing – theatre licensing

Γ Civic licensing – sexual entertainment venues
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1. Equalities, Climate Change and other Scottish Government objectives

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).

8. Do you consider that the Bill has any implications for meeting Scotland’s climate change commitments? Please explain.

9. Do you consider that the Bill has any implications for meeting Scotland’s equality and/or human rights commitments? Please explain.

10. Do you consider that the Bill has any implications for preventative spending and/or public services reform? Please explain.
11. Do you consider that the Bill has any implications in relation to European Union issues? Please explain.

12. Do you have any other comments on the impact of the proposals contained in the Bill relation to Scottish Government objectives?
2. 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?

IT WILL REDUCE THE EFFECTS OF OPPORTUNIST CRIME.

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?

DEFINITELY NOT ENOUGH PROVISION OR ENCOURAGEMENT FOR AIRGUN TARGET SHOOTING IN SCOTLAND.

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

PEOPLE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO USE AIR-WEAPONS FOR RECREATIONAL USE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
16. How will the air weapons licensing system affect those aged 14 to 17 who use air weapons?

Provided these youngsters are supervised by an adult of 21 that should be fine but also remember children younger than 14 should also be given the chance to shoot in safety.

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.)?

Provided the people using air weapons for commercial reasons are bona fide licence holders and responsible I see no problems.

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

People taking part in competitions should be legitimate licence holders.

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?

Yes as the work has to be carried out whatever the outcome.
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.)?

I WOULD HOPE THAT AIR WEAPON LICENSING WILL HAVE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE IN SCOTLAND.

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

AIR WEAPONS WILL HAVE TO BE KEPT IN A SAFE LOCKED PLACE OUT OF SIGHT OF MINORS AND DANGEROUS PERSONS. I WOULD THINK AN INTERNAL CUPBOARD WITH A SECURE LOCK WOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

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

I HOPE THAT THE MORE PEOPLE APPRECIATE THE ENJOYMENT OF TARGET SHOOTING AND THEREFORE ALSO THE SAFE HANDLING OF AIR WEAPONS THE BETTER.