



The Rt Hon George Eustice MP  
Secretary of State  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Seacole Building  
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Dear Secretary of State,

We write to call your attention to a continuing crisis in wildlife licensing and to ask you to set up a feasibility study into bringing wildlife licensing back into central Government, where it can be more efficient, effective and cheaper.

Attached is a paper explaining the ongoing chaos being experienced by our members, making it impossible for them to manage wildlife practically and with the legal certainty they need.

This is causing an ongoing crisis for wildlife conservation, at least as serious as that which unfolded last spring when NE revoked the three main General Licences without notice.

The matter is extremely serious and needs your urgent personal attention. Please may we ask you to read our paper, which will be published next week, and to take action to sort out the issues raised.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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**Tim Bonner**  
Chief Executive,  
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**Liam Bell**  
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