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Dear Jim,

Thank you for your letter of 6 October concerning the Lead Ammunition Group.

I have passed your thanks to the other members of the Group and have sent them a copy of your letter inviting us to continue for an additional year.

I have asked the other members of the Group if they themselves are able to continue, and whether they are happy to support my continuing as chairman; and can confirm that they have all agreed in both respects. They also all support the recommendations for new members set out below.

Regarding new members (to replace Dr Avery, Dr Tapper and Mr Gane) I have included Mr Robert Gray in this exercise as he has recently left the Countryside Alliance.

To this end I have had discussions with the relevant stakeholder groups and we recommend the following names to you:

Mr Jeff Knott, RSPB's Species Policy Officer who moved to RSPB 5 years ago from BTO and whose appointment will have the backing of Wildlife and Conservation Link.

Dr Tapper from GWCT brought significant scientific knowledge to the Group, and in his place I can recommend Mr Ian Coghill, the Chairman of GWCT. Ian has had a distinguished career with Birmingham City Council in the field of public health and environment. Ian's inclusion in the Group has the full support of the GWCT.

For Mr Gane from CLA, who represented the landowner/farming interest, I recommend Mr Gane's successor, the CLA's new Director General, Mr Martin Jamieson. I attach a brief CV and note in particular Mr Jamieson's previous work in the pharmaceutical and medical field, which will add to his representation of the rural landowning interest.

For Mr Gray, I have taken careful soundings across the shooting sector and recommend Lord Mancroft. Not only does Lord Mancroft list shooting as a principal interest in DODS but he combines his vice chairmanship of the Countryside Alliance with a wide range of political and other interests. Lord Mancroft is also the Chairman of the Standing Conference on Countryside Sports and has the support of the BASC Council.

I make these recommendations and hope very much that you will feel able to invite them to join the Group. Given that the Group's Primary Evidence and Risk Assessment Subgroup, under Professor Len Levy's chairmanship, is nearing completion of two risk assessment reports for human health and wildlife, it would be my wish to put in hand arrangements for a meeting of the Group in the not too distant future. Given that there has been an elapse of time since the Group's main committee last met in November 2010, can I suggest that the Group plan to provide Defra and FSA with a further progress report by the end of 2012.

Hence, I can confirm that I am happy to continue as the Group's chairman, and that the Group is in the position to get back to work for the coming year if you are in agreement with the foregoing recommendations.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive