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Dear David,

Thank you for your email of 5 March, written on behalf of your constituent, regarding the consultation on Natural Resources Wales's proposed approach to regulating the release of gamebirds (common pheasant and red-legged partridge) in Wales. This has been passed to me as the matter lies within my portfolio.

The Welsh Government has asked Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to prepare and consult on an appropriate approach to the release of gamebirds in Wales, with the view to any new approach coming into effect for the 2024 gamebird release season. In particular, NRW has been asked to consider:

- Is there a problem in Wales and if so, what is the scale?
- How effective are current voluntary approaches?
- What capacity do we have to manage any new approach?

As not to influence the consultation outcome I am unable to make any comment regarding potentially regulating the release of gamebirds until the consultation is closed.

The [consultation](#) opened on the 27 March and will close on the 20 June. As the consultation is currently open there is an opportunity to express your views on the proposals. Contributing to the consultation will help NRW improve their ideas and shape their work.

Yours sincerely,

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