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To: 2002 Act Review

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Dear Sir.

I farm in upland fringe landscape within the Scottish Borders, which is dotted with large Sitka spruce plantations and rough hillside ground covered in gorse, both of which are ideal cover for a large fox population.

I can honestly say that it is my experience that two dogs or hounds are totally unable to flush foxes out of this dense cover, indeed, even a whole pack of hounds can struggle at times. This begs the question why there is an attempt now to alter the existing legislation which is currently, and has been for the past 14 years, been working well.

We cannot as a nation be hijacked by a small minority who in the main do not make their living from the countryside and have not watched their livestock be it hens, lambs or pheasants killed by a burgeoning fox population. It makes me think of the adage 'if it's not broken why try and fix it?'

I sincerely hope that your review will come to the same conclusion.

Yours sincerely

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