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From:
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To: Nature Conservation
Subject: section 40 amendment

Dear sir/madam.

I wish to make a submission on amending section 40 of the wildlife act.

Hedgecutting ; The cutting of the grass verge should be carried out by the council's every May \June when plants like cow parsley are in flower they they make the road narrow and dangerous

Burning vegetation

commonages have become over grown caused mainly by destocking. To bring these back to a proper state we need to remove this scrub it can be removed by a number of ways

1. By hand not practical in most cases
 2. mechanically Bulldozers , diggers , flail mowers etc. very damaging if even practical in most situations
 3. spraying from planes of scrub not feasible
 4. leave well enough alone not an option as this land is now being penalised for letting scrub overtake it
 5. burning is the only feasible method of reclaiming this land remember the lands went "wild" due to govt?eu. policy causing the destocking inthe first place
- We need a burn policy that allows buring these areas up until April 10th

Yes there is no need for hedge cutting out of the existing season but there is a need for verge trimming on all roads during the time plants and flowers are putting down their main growth ie May\June

To get a successful burn the weather over head has to be dry and the material you are burning has to be dead and crisp.that is why the most successful burn can be got in late March early April most years.

Assuming local fire service are contacted that should be licencing enough no need to bring more bureaucracy in.

Ministerial order means depends on whose in Government not good enough as the fines rules of how the land must be farmed come from the Eu.