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Re. Review S.40 Wildlife Acts 1976 / 2012

Dear Mr. Bohan,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1st December 2014 in the above regard.

Longford County Council wish to make the following submission on the Questions to consider:

- A. The closed dates for cutting hedges should be maintained between 1st March and 31st August.
- B. The period for burning scrub could be more flexible to better suit farming and weather conditions, and any such derogation should be conditional on not creating a significantly negative impact of existing biodiversity on the farm.
- C. Longford County Council does not recommend that distinction be introduced between closed and enclosed lands.
- D. As per B above.
- E. Longford County Council agrees that greater legislative flexibility to suit particular environmental conditions could be introduced.

I trust the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,


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Chief Executive