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Dear Sir,

I have been involved in crop protection for the last 15 years , I have been invited by many farmers to help control the number of woodpigeons that feed on standing crops and can spoil harvested crops. Woodpigeon numbers have exploded in the last 50 years largely due to modern farming methods especially the growing of rapeseed.

Woodpigeons consumption and physical damage to crops causes economic losses . Contamination of grain with faeces is a major concern – not because of potential human illness but because grain is largely fed to livestock. Diseases such as salmonella or e-coli gastroenteritis can lead to animal ill health. This costs the farmer through poor weight gain and loss of feed to the pigeons.

I feel the current derogations should be continued. There should be no further barriers to the shooting of pigeons. Failing this ,there should be a scientific approach to the potential costs or benefits with regards to woodpigeon control.

Yours Sincerely



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