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Dear Sirs

RE: WILD JUSTICE -v- DAERA – GENERAL LICENCES

We refer to the above matter and to your correspondence of 13th inst.

We are instructed that following Ministerial clearance, the Department is now able to share the General Licence Consultation Response Summary with stakeholders, and a copy is attached for your consideration.

In addition further details of proposed new General Licences can also be shared:

Species Amendments

The following species amendments are proposed on grounds of conservation and/or need.

Species	TPG1 Public health or safety	TPG2 Prevention of disease and damage to livestock/ crops	TPG3 Protect wild birds
Hooded crow		Y	Y
Rook		Y	
Jackdaw	Y	Y	
Magpie		Y	Y
Great black-backed gull			
Lesser black-backed gull			
Herring gull			
Feral pigeon	Y	Y	
Woodpigeon		Y	
Starling			
House sparrow			

Y – Included, Grey Hatch – Not Included, Black Hatch – Removed



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General Licence TPG3 for the purpose of conserving wild birds

It is proposed to limit the use of this licence to the breeding season between 1 March and 31 August inclusive.

Use of General Licences

Advisory material has been under development for publication on the DAERA website to further inform licence users of their obligations in relation to alternative, non-lethal control methods, and of restrictions on the use of General Licences on protected sites. This, as a component of draft new general licences, will be shared with you and other stakeholders w/c 31 October.

Interim General Licences have been further extended on the DAERA website until 31 December 2022 to allow completion of stakeholder engagement. It is hoped that those interim licences can be revoked and replaced by new General Licences within that time period.

We trust this deals with the matters raised in your correspondence.

Yours faithfully

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