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Dear Sir

I have only today been advised by a member of your consultation paper regarding permits for the culling of birds. It does not give me any time to circulate my members, who represent residents all over England & Wales (see website at www.nora-uk.co.uk) . I note with some concern and regret that this national body is not on your list of consultees.

I have personal experience of the problems of gulls, having stayed in Aberdeen for some while. They were a serious hazard for householders, because they attacked rubbish bags placed outdoors until wheelie bins were introduced. I understand that they present a problem in Bath, and I suspect if I were able to consult NORA members I would have discovered that the problem exists in Southampton, Brighton, Ipswich, Bristol as sea-side towns as well as many other towns including those inland.

Accordingly I must support the proposals in section 6 that allow the culling of herring gulls where they are problem to householders and public health. I have no information about ring-necked parakeets, though I have visited Hither Green cemetery where they are rampant, but I was not aware they were a hazard apart from the noise they make.

Yours sincerely

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