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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: GROUSE SHOOTING AND HEN HARRIERS

Thank you for contacting me about grouse shooting.

Having looked into the issue of grouse moor management I personally believe that game management can make a significant positive contribution to biodiversity by providing cover for wildlife, and through the creation and care of habitats such as woodland, grouse moors, beetle banks and hedgerows.

The vast majority of the grouse moors that are sites of special scientific interest are now in favourable or recovering condition, whereas only around half were in that state in 2006. I believe this reflects the growing awareness among moorland managers of the importance and sensitivity of upland biodiversity.

I am aware of concerns over the illegal persecution of raptors and I would encourage anyone with information about it to report what they know to the authorities. I applaud the strong line that the British Association for Shooting and Conservation takes on this matter, and would urge that it continue.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Quin'.