

I am writing on behalf of the NFU in response to the report of the Badger Cull Task Group recommendations and Defra's response, as you requested.

We think the report is fair and balanced and identifies some important issues, which we will pay attention to in any future operations. There was one recommendation specific to the NFU, ie:

To seek the views of Gloucestershire Constabulary on the balance and practicality of the injunction

The NFU participated in discussions with Defra, the Home Office and ACPO in respect of the injunction but, after reflection, the Home Office and the Police decided that it would be inappropriate for them to comment in detail on the injunction, for reasons of impartiality.

We agree with the views of Defra as set out in the letter from the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely

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