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Mayor Joe Anderson, OBE,
Mayor's Office,
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Date: 9th October 2019

Dear Mayor Anderson,

I am writing to you on behalf of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC), the UK's largest shooting organisation.

We are appalled at the wording of a Liverpool City Council motion that was reported in the 8th October 2019 issue of the Liverpool Echo and includes the statement that *"This Council declares its complete opposition to any form of hunting live animals with hounds or shooting live game, in the UK or overseas. We note that this is barbaric in all cases, and in many cases also threatens species that are already precarious"*.

This statement represents an attack and slur on the British shooting community that is both unfair and unwarranted.

Shooting is involved in the management of two-thirds of the rural land area. There are 3.9 million work days spent on conservation every year, which is the equivalent of 16,000 full-time conservation jobs and two million hectares are actively managed for conservation as a result of shooting.

Furthermore, the motion proposes that Liverpool City Council lobbies other local authorities and the government on banning shows and events. Such lobbying would be outside the Council's remit to its residents.

We are surprised that such a poorly composed and misinformed motion has passed due diligence to be put forward for debate and vote at a full meeting of Liverpool City Council on 16th October 2019.

Together - for shooting conservation, the future and for you

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I would be grateful if you could send me information on who proposed this motion and the processes by which it passed due diligence to gain cross party support as an agenda item for the 16th October 2019 Liverpool City Council meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.



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