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Licencing Section
Scottish Natural Heritage
Great Glen House
Leachkin Road
Inverness
IV3 8NW

31 March 2017

Dear Sirs,

Linlithgow Farms Ltd Application to Control Ravens

I enclose the application for Linlithgow Farms Ltd to control Ravens. Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and name of the sender.

J.M. Osborne and Company

Enc. Signed and completed application to control Ravens

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

As I expressed last year, there has always been a problem with Ravens throughout [REDACTED]

So far this spring I have counted large number of Ravens on the Estate. These are as follows:

- 15th January – 37 Ravens
- 28th January – 52 Ravens
- 09th February – 45 Ravens
- 21 February – 58 Ravens
- 03 March – 49 Ravens

It is clear that there are still large numbers of Ravens on the Estate.

Yours Sincerely



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Licence application form – to kill ravens

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

If you need assistance filling in this form please contact the SNH Licensing Team:

Email: licensing@snh.gov.uk

Telephone: 01463 725364

Please answer all relevant questions fully and do not defer to other attached documents.

Who should use this application form

This form is for new applications for anyone who wishes to take or kill ravens in order to prevent serious damage to livestock.

All new applications are referred to your local SNH office and to SGRPID for advice, and may require a site visit. If so, SGRPID will contact you to arrange this.

Amendments

If you wish to amend a current licence please email SNH Licensing Team with the licence reference number, the details you wish to change and the reasons for this change.

Renewals

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If your amendment/renewal request involves significant changes to your licence (e.g. increased bag limit), we may seek advice from SGRPID.

Section A: Licence holder details

Please provide the name and address of the licence holder, this person will be legally responsible for ensuring that all licence conditions are met and for submitting a return to SNH Licensing at the end of the licence period.

Title	█
First name	█
Surname	██████
Email address	██████████████████
Address	██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████
Postcode	██████████
Contact telephone number(s)	██████████
Nature of interest in farm/property (e.g. owner/tenant/manager)	█

Section B: Licence details

Farm name (this is how your application will be referred to in all future correspondence)	Linlithgow Farms Ltd
Farm address (please include full postal address for the farm if different from above)	Linlithgow Farms Ltd ██████████ ██████████ ██████████
Farm CPH number	██████████
Is the area covered by a nature conservation designation? (e.g. Site of Special Scientific Interest, Special Protection Area, Special Area of Conservation etc. – see our website for site locations and information)	N/A

Section C: Details of damage and preventative measures

Provide details on the location of where the damage is occurring, number of raven causing damage, where shooting will be carried out and period of shooting. **Please enclose a location map of the property showing the area (i.e. specific lambing field) where damage occurs.**

Number of raven causing damage	Location of where the damage is occurring (i.e. lambing field, calving sheds)	Type of damage (e.g. loss of newborn lambs)	Period when peak damage expected (start month/end month)	
			Start	End
40	Lambing Fields	Loss of new born lambs and damage to ewes	1 st April	31 st May
55	Open Hill	Loss of new born lambs and damage to ewes	1 st April	31 st may

Describe damage caused, including evidence that it was caused by ravens. Please quantify loss (include number of animals killed or injured, and value).

Ravens are killing and injuring new born lambs. They are also injuring ewes by pecking at their eyes when they are in the process of lambing.

Provide full details of measures you have taken to prevent serious damage by ravens (include details of scaring methods used and their effectiveness).

Gas guns, warning shots and the sounding of vehicle horns have been used to try and scare the ravens but this is not working. The ravens have become conditioned to these sounds are not moving off very far before returning to these areas. A raven licence has been used for the past 2 years in an attempt to control numbers, this has partially worked however numbers are still very high and damage is still taking place.

Section D: Required documents checklist

Confirm by ticking the box below that all the information we require to assess your licence has been submitted with your application.

☒ **A location map of the property showing the area(s) where damage takes place.**

☐ Evidence of damage occurring if applicable (e.g. photos).

Section F: Declaration

- I understand that it is an offence under Section 17 of The Wildlife and Countryside Act to knowingly or recklessly provide false information in order to obtain a licence, and I declare that the particulars given in this application and any accompanying documents are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with these particulars.
- I understand that failure to comply with any conditions included on any licence granted in respect of this application may constitute an offence.

<p>30/03/2017</p> <p>Date: Click here to enter a date.</p>	<p>Print name: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Electronic signature: [REDACTED]</p>
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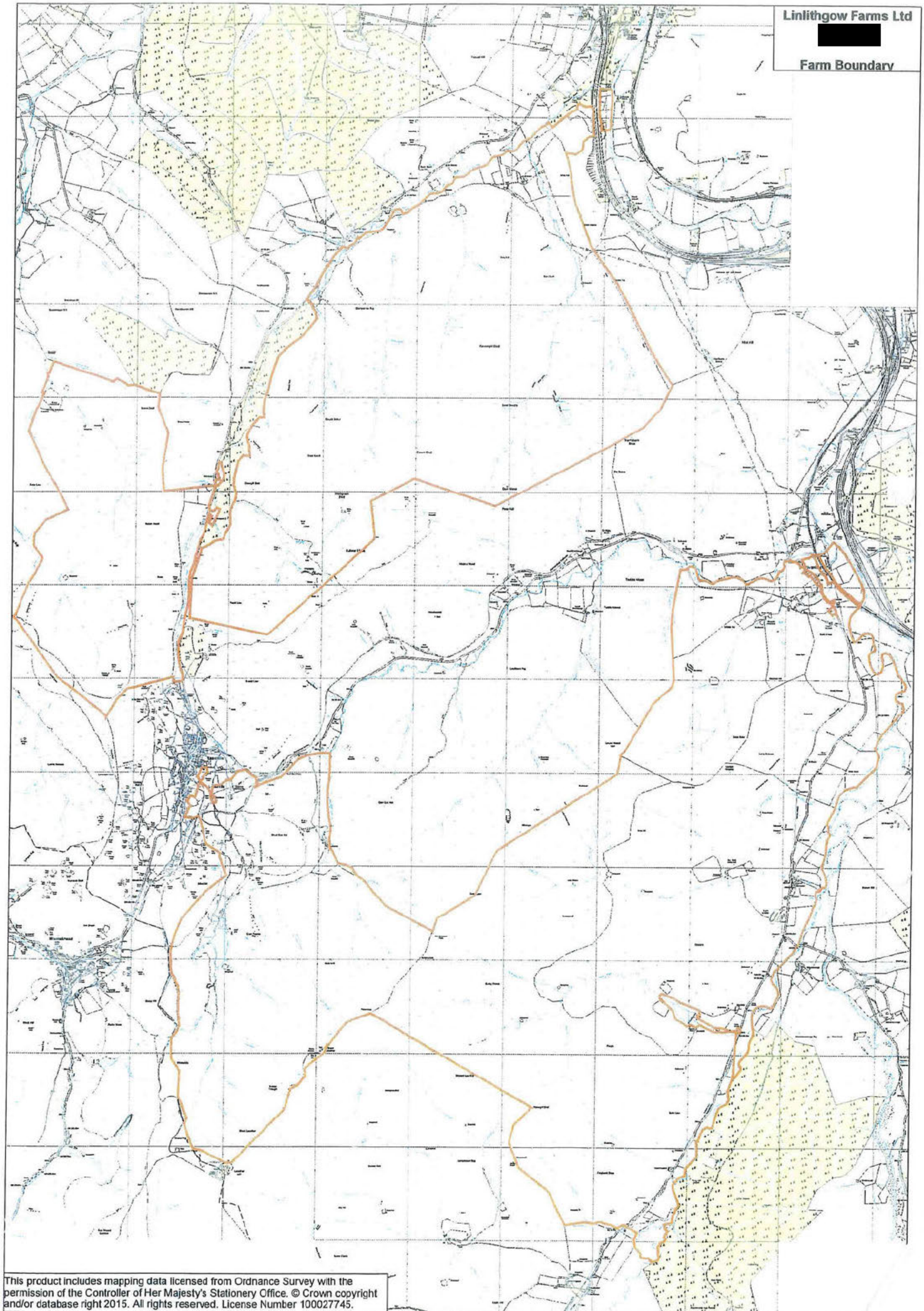
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Linlithgow Farms Ltd

Farm Boundary



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Farm name (this is how your application will be referred to in all future correspondence)	Leadhills Trust
Farm address (please include full postal address for the farm if different from above)	Leadhills Trust ██████████ ██████████ ██████████
Farm CPH number	██████████
Is the area covered by a nature conservation designation? (e.g. Site of Special Scientific Interest, Special Protection Area, Special Area of Conservation etc. – <u>see our website for site locations and information</u>)	N/A

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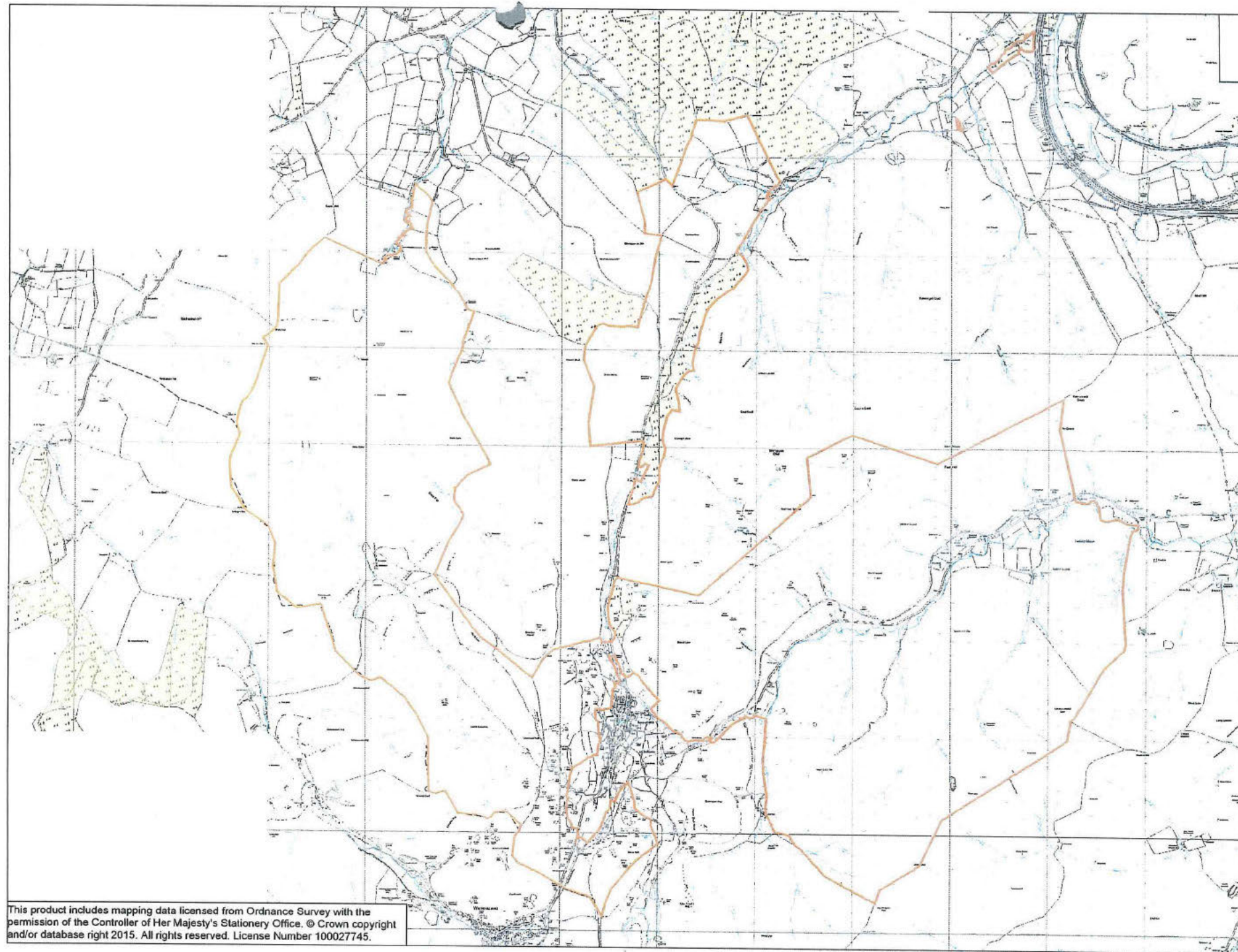
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From: LICENSING@snh.gov.uk
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [LICENSING](mailto:LICENSING@snh.gov.uk)
Subject: Leadhills Trust and Linlithgow Farms Ltd - Ravens - 2017 - Licence 98188 - issued licence - 20 April 2017
Date: 20 April 2017 11:20:00
Attachments: Licence - 98188.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached your raven licence to print out as required. Please read the licence carefully and ensure that you fully understand its conditions.

It is a condition of this licence that you must submit a return describing the action taken under licence. No further licences will be issued until we have received a return. The return must include details of: the number of ravens killed; the scaring methods used; how successful the shooting was at addressing the problem; the level of damage still experienced (please quantify). Please send this information by email (including your licence number in the subject line of the email) to: licensing@snh.gov.uk.

If after carrying out the action permitted by this licence, you consider that raven are still causing serious damage, please contact SNH Licensing Team (licensing@snh.gov.uk or 01463 725364), quoting your name, farm name and your current licence number. Please provide details of the continuing serious damage and if necessary, we will consider reviewing the bag limit and/or extending the licence.

Further information and advice on raven predation is available from the SASA website:

<https://www.sasa.gov.uk/document-library/raven-predation-guide-farmers>.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SNH Licensing Team

We would welcome some feedback. Please reply to this email rating our service (1 = poor, 5 = very good). If it is not a 5, please tell us how we could make the service perfect.



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Bird Licence		
Licence Number: 98188	Valid from :20-APR-17	Valid to :31-MAY-17
This Licence has been amended from Licence Number : 74812		
Licence Holder : [REDACTED]		
Address: [REDACTED]		
Name	Role	Additional Conditions
No additional persons named		
This Licence is Granted under the following Legislation:		
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended): Section 16 (1) (k)		
Project Details		
This licence permits the shooting of up to 10 ravens as an aid to scaring, for the purpose of preventing serious damage to livestock on and in the immediate vicinity of the lambing parks/fields at Leadhills Trust Farm - CPH no: [REDACTED] and Linlithgow Farms Ltd - CPH no: [REDACTED]		
Activities, species and locations covered by this licence are listed in Annex 1		
Conditions		
1	This licence only authorises killing raven for the purpose of preventing serious damage to livestock, and when there is no other satisfactory course of action.	
2	Shooting must target the particular birds seen to be causing the damage. Shooting must be carried out, away from the nest. Before shooting to kill is undertaken, other scaring methods must have been employed.	
3	No more than the number of ravens specified in the project details above can be killed unless otherwise agreed by a member of the SNH Licensing team in advance. It is the responsibility of the licence holder to ensure that shooting is appropriately coordinated so that this number is not exceeded.	
4	This licence permits the use of semi-automatic weapons but does not permit the use of any other firearm prohibited by section 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (see note 5 below).	
5	Decoys of any kind are not permitted to be used to aid killing of birds under this licence.	

6	Some shot birds may be found to bear leg-rings or other unique marks. Details of any such markings and the date and place of shooting must be reported to the British Trust for Ornithology. Instructions for doing this may be found at Click Here
7	The licence holder may appoint agents to operate under the terms of this licence, providing that he or she is compliant with all relevant firearms legislation, and that adequate health and safety precautions are maintained for the duration of this licence.
8	While engaged in work authorised by this licence, the licence holder and agents must each be able to produce a copy of this licence to any Police Officer, authorised person, or official of SNH on demand.
9	No later than one month after the date on which this licence expires or otherwise comes to an end, the licence holder must provide SNH Licensing Team with a licence return providing the following information: The number of ravens killed; the scaring methods used; how successful the shooting was at addressing the problem; the level of damage still experienced (please quantify). Please also indicate whether you anticipate similar problems next year, and why this is likely to be the case. Please send this information by email if possible (including your licence number in the subject line of the email) to: licensing@snh.gov.uk .
Notes	
Licence holders or any other persons covered by this licence should note the following;	
1	This licence is granted to compliance with the conditions as specified. Anything done otherwise than in accordance with the conditions of the licence may constitute an offence.
2	Agents may work independently of the licence holder. It is the responsibility of the licence holder to ensure that agents have the appropriate training and experience and that they understand the terms and conditions of this licence.
3	Nothing in this licence shall confer any right of entry on to land or property.
4	This licence may be modified or revoked at any time by SNH.
5	Methods of killing prohibited under section 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 include; automatic weapons and shot-guns with a barrel that has an internal diameter at the muzzle of more than one and three-quarter inches.
6	This licence only exempts any legal provision contained in the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

This licence is granted subject to compliance with the terms and conditions specified

Licence no:98188

Authorised on behalf of Scottish Natural Heritage by: Heather Sargent Date: 20-APR-2017

Licence no:98188

Annex 1: Permitted activities

Action	Purpose	Species	Location	Grid Reference	Method
	Preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuff for livestock,		Lambing Parks on Leadhills Trust farm CPH		

Kill	crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber, fisheries or inland water	Raven	no: [REDACTED] and Linlithgow Farms Ltd farm CPH no: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	N/A
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Authorised on behalf of Scottish Natural Heritage by: [REDACTED] Date: 20-APR-2017



From: [REDACTED]
To: [LICENSING](#)
Subject: Raven Licence Return - 74812
Date: 19 April 2017 16:31:11
Attachments: image001.png
74812 - Raven Licence Return.pdf

Dear Mr Taylor-Gill,

Raven Licence Return – 74812

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Our sincere apologies for not submitting the returns for Licence Number 74812. We cannot apologise enough for this error and we will ensure that this is never to happen again. We had the records on file but through lack of communication between our team, these numbers were never submitted to yourselves last year when they should have been.

[REDACTED] has now completed a return form for this licence. Please see attached. I will also send this through hard copy.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me and once again, very sorry for not submitting this information to you sooner.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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Licensee Report Form – Ravens



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WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

LICENSEE REPORT FORM:
ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER LICENCE TO KILL RAVENS

1. It is a condition of the licence to kill or take ravens that within one month of the licence expiring, the licensee must provide a report on the action taken under the licence. Failure to do this could lead to a subsequent licence application being refused.

2. After completing section 3 below you should complete sections 4 and 5 as a diary of the action during the operation of the licence. When the licence expires you should sign and date this form at section 7 and then return it, **no later than one month from the date of expiry of the licence** to Licensing Section, Scottish Natural Heritage, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW.

Section 6 is optional; however, we would find the information helpful in assessing the usefulness of licensing. Thank you for your co-operation.

3. Licensee Details (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

Name Licence Number 74812
Address
.....
..... Postcode
Telephone

Farm Details (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

Name LEADHILLS TRUST FARM + LINLITHGOW FARMS LTD
Farm CPH number (in full) and
Parish LEADHILLS
County SOUTH LANARKSHIRE

Licensee Report Form – Ravens

4. Action Taken

Notes

- i. The number of persons shooting should be the total that day including the licensee (if appropriate) and all persons authorised by the licensee.
- ii. If a shot raven has a ring on its leg please return it to the address shown on the ring, stating the species of bird and when and where it was killed.

Date of Shooting	Number of birds shot	Number of persons shooting
05/04 /16	1	1
13/04/16	2	1
16/04/16	2	1
29/04/16	1	1
10/05/16	2	1

Please continue on separate sheet if necessary

Licensee Report Form – Ravens

5. Persons authorised

The names and addresses of the persons authorised by you to kill ravens on the farm to prevent serious damage.

NAME

ADDRESS

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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6. Usefulness of licensing

- a. How effective in preventing serious damage do you consider it was to have the licence to kill ravens? Please tick as appropriate

Very effective
☒ Moderately effective
Not effective

- b. Please describe other scaring methods used before shooting took place.

Sounding of vehicle horns
Warning shots
Gas gun

- c. Do you have any suggestions for improving future licensing?

N/a

7. I declare that the particulars given in section 3, 4 and 5 above are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of licensee

[REDACTED]

Date

17/04/17