Dear Sir/Madam,

We are currently compiling research into the purchase of corporate shooting days in the UK. As part of this research we are circulating a small – five question – questionnaire to 200 UK companies. Our intention is to publish the outcome of this research in a report in July 2017 listing those that replied, those that did not, and an analysis of the responses. Please respond by Friday 26th May.

To reply, you can either simply type a response into an email reply to the questions below, or use the attached word document to enter a reply.

1. What is your company name and a contact email address for the person completing this questionnaire?
2. Has your company made a public commitment to protecting the natural environment and mitigating its direct environmental impact?

Yes, we have a longstanding commitment and our Sustainability Summary provides examples of progress against this commitment

https://www.sc.com/sustainabilitysummary2016/

3. Are you aware that driven grouse shooting has negative environmental impacts, including degradation of deep peat, reducing biodiversity, emitting high CO2 emissions, illegal wildlife persecution, worsening water quality and increasing downstream flood risks?

I am personally aware of many of the impacts noted.

4. Has your company ever bought ‘Corporate Days’ to shoot on driven grouse moors?

To our knowledge we have not done so, although we note that ‘ever’ would cover a period beyond which we maintain records

5. Are you prepared to make a public commitment that your company will not pay for driven grouse shooting ‘Corporate Days’ in the future until key detrimental impacts have been addressed?

Given we have not used such services in the past, and do not anticipate doing so, we do not believe this would be warranted.

The debate on driven grouse shooting which occurred in parliament in October 2016, in the wake of an e-petition which attracted 123,077 signatures, clearly demonstrated public concern among consumers and a lack of appetite in the current government to tackle the detrimental impacts of the grouse shooting industry.