



17th October 2017

Dear Gillian,

I am writing on behalf of my members, regarding a Government proposal to ban certain rifles that are currently held legally by collectors, enthusiasts and sportsmen and women.

This knee jerk reaction will be nothing for public safety and danger to the peace.

These rifles are fired regularly on authorized ranges throughout Great Britain, I urge you to oppose this reckless proposal and destruction of a legitimate sport

PROPOSAL:

Prohibit .50 calibre 'materiel destruction' rifles and rapid firing rifles under section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968. England, Wales and Scotland The Government is proposing to prohibit the ownership of .50 calibre 'materiel destruction' rifles developed for use by the military to enable sniping at long ranges and in damaging vehicles and other equipment (referred to in military terms as 'materiel'). They are also designed to penetrate armour worn by soldiers. These rifles are currently used by a small number of civilian target shooters to test their shooting over very long ranges using large calibre firearms, The Government is also proposing to prohibit ownership of rapid firing rifles, such as the VZ 58 Manually Actuated Release System (MARS) rifle, which can currently be purchased by anyone who has a firearms certificate authorising them to possess a centre-fire rifle in one of the relevant calibres. The rate of fire is significantly greater than a conventional bolt-action rifle and recognising the intention of the Firearms Act to prohibit civilian ownership of semi-automatic firearms, it is appropriate to subject rifles of this type to the controls of section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary General