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Dear Lord Bonomy

We have read the submission to you by Mark & Jane Fleming and we commend it to you. In particular we emphasise that:-

1. Efficient flourishing of foxes requires at least 20 dogs. Restricting the number of dogs to 2 is not practical. This was the view taken by the Parliament in 2002 after extensive debate and following submissions by the Scottish Gamekeepers Association. It still holds good.
2. Banning the use of horses in connection with fox control activities has no conceivable justification other than satisfying the prejudices of some who at best are resolutely opposed to any form of fox control or more probably have other reasons for wishing to see the end of a traditional country activity.
3. Such a ban would also be an unwarranted interference with the right of individuals horse riders to enjoy a day out in the countryside.
4. The rules set out in the 2002 Act have been meticulously observed by the organised packs of foxhounds who have welcomed police involvement and supervision. It is only the threatening and, we believe, often illegal behaviour of the saboteurs/antis which has led to the call for a review.

If it is accepted that some form of fox control is necessary, for these and the other more detailed reasons set out in Mark & Jane Fleming's submission we respectfully submit that any change in the existing law is unnecessary and would certainly do nothing to improve the welfare of foxes.

Yours sincerely

Robert & Elizabeth Turcan

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