

Friday, 14 July 2017

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Our Ref:



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Dear [REDACTED]

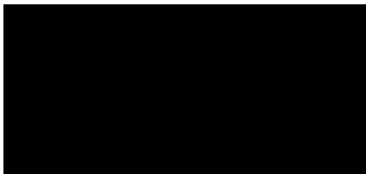
#### MARC GARDNER RANGE AT ESKDALEMUIR

With reference to the above and our recent email conversation, I wish to advise that I have read through the land report compiled by Cumbria Firearms Licensing department and agree with the contents and the conclusion that the land is suitable for use as a range for the calibres reported and that there is nothing to suggest Mr Gardner would fail to carry out shooting activities on the land safely.

Mr Gardner is a registered firearms dealer in Longtown and has been for some time, he is very knowledgeable about guns, ammunition and the safety requirements and rules that would be required to run a range, he already runs a range near to his business premises in Longtown successfully.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the above details if you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely



T: 0131-244-8525

E: [REDACTED]

Mr Marc Gardner  
Gardners Guns Rifle Range  
Purdoms Crook  
Sandysike  
Longtown  
Carlisle  
CA6 5ST

Our ref: DDG 5/5 DG4  
13 July 2017

Dear Mr Gardner

**APPROVAL OF RIFLE AND MUZZLE-LOADING PISTOL CLUBS UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1988 (AS SUBSTITUTED)**

The Scottish Ministers hereby approve the club named below under Section 15(1) of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988<sup>1</sup>.

Name of Club: Gardners Guns Rifle Range (located at Eskdalemuir Forestry Limited, Hart Manor, Eskdalemuir, Langholm, Dumfries, DC13 0QQ)

Name and address of Club Secretary: Mr Marc Gardner  
Purdoms Crook  
Sandysike  
Longtown  
Carlisle  
CA6 5ST

This approval is for the following classes of firearms: Small-bore, full-bore, and muzzle loading firearms.

**This approval is valid from 17 July 2017 for a period of 6 years but may be varied or withdrawn at any time.**

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<sup>1</sup> 1988 c.45; section 15 was substituted by the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997 (c.5), section 45(1). The functions of the Secretary of State under section 15 are exercisable in or as regards Scotland by the Scottish Ministers by virtue of the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/1750).

You should notify the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland of any of the following changes in circumstances:

1. if the club loses its range(s), or intends to use an alternative or additional range: or
2. if there is a change of club secretary; or
3. if the club wishes to change its name.

I am copying this letter to the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland for his information.

Yours sincerely



**From:**

**Sent:** 11 February 2020 13:58

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Gardners Guns Rifle Range club/ Your ref DDG 5/5 DG4

Hello [redacted]

I wish to give notice of the below points regarding Gardners Guns Rifle range Club:

1) The new Club Secretary, appointed on 31st Jan 2020 is [redacted]. I remain as the Club Chairman, address as previous.

[redacted]

Many thanks,

Marc Gardner  
Gardners Guns Ltd  
Gardners Guns Rifle Range Club  
Purdoms Crook  
Sandysike  
Longtown  
Carlisle  
CA65ST

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 March 2021 12:27  
**To:** Quinn, David [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Club Approval - Gardner's Guns [OFFICIAL]

Hi David

Ideal, thanks for confirming that.

Re the Gardner Guns club approval, that's still sitting as incomplete on our log as well. I'm content to leave the approval sitting as is for now, until they receive planning permission for the Dumfries range (or not). At that point they'll need to decide to either nominate a secretary resident in Scotland to operate the Scottish side of the business, or revert to operating under their Home Office approval and we'll cancel the SG approval as it's not required.

Hope that makes sense and is agreeable – I'm happy to explain the position to the club, as well, if that would be helpful?

Thanks,

[redacted]  
Firearms Policy  
Safer Communities Division  
Scottish Government

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**From:** Quinn, David [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 March 2021 11:02  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Club Approval - Gardner's Guns [OFFICIAL]

Hi [redacted]

[redacted]

In relation to that, [redacted] informs me that Gardner's Guns never followed through with nominating a Secretary who resides in Scotland – as such, are you still content that they are sitting with SG approval as a club as this is at odds with the Home Office guidance?

Happy to arrange a Teams Meeting with [redacted] to discuss further if you want

Thanks

David

**David Quinn**  
**Chief Inspector**  
**Police Scotland**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 20 April 2020 11:49  
**To:** MARC gardner [redacted]  
**Cc:** Firearms Enquiries <firearms.enquiries@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** DDG 5/5 DG4 Gardner Guns Eskdalemuir Rifle Club

Dear Mr Gardner

**APPROVAL OF RIFLE AND MUZZLE-LOADING PISTOL CLUBS UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1988 (AS SUBSTITUTED)**

I refer to your variation application for a rifle or muzzle-loading pistol club, in the name of Gardner Guns Eskdalemuir Rifle Club. I wanted to thank you for paying the invoice I sent out to you and give you an update on your application.

Due to the present circumstances we are putting all variation requests on hold for the near future. Once normal processes can resume, I will be back in touch with you and we will complete the variation enquiry.

Thank you and kind regards,

[redacted]  
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Safer Communities Division | Scottish Government  
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V/L with David during PJ - 17/11/20

\* PJ propose to have set year specific  
entity in Scotland - if range approved



**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 May 2021 12:58  
**To:** Quinn, David [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Gardner's Guns

Hi David

Thanks for the update, all makes sense to me. As you know Gardners still has their existing SG approval and an open variation request to change the secretary (which they have already paid for). As & when their plans take shape and the ranges get independent approval, the new secretary should contact SG at [firearms.enquiries@gov.scot](mailto:firearms.enquiries@gov.scot) to confirm their details and we can take it from there.

Much appreciated,

[redacted]  
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**From:** Quinn, David [redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 May 2021 10:02  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Gardner's Guns

Hi [redacted]

Just to update you – the inspection of the 4 range areas was conducted yesterday and while we have no immediate concerns, there has been no formal inspection of the ranges by someone qualified to conduct this.

The club indicated that they intend changing the Secretary for the Scottish Approved Club to someone who resides in Scotland and in effect creating a separate entity which will operate on the ranges in Scotland.

They won't hold any club weapons so no Firearms Certificate will be required. They are creating a separate constitution and confirming if their existing insurance covers both clubs. I suspected this would be their eventual course of action and while it gives us an additional club to manage, it simplifies matters as we will no longer need to involve Cumbria or indeed the Home Office in matters concerning the club.

Thanks

David

**David Quinn**  
**Chief Inspector**  
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