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20 June 2016

Dear ,

ATISN 10467 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AT CAERPHILLY CASTLE

Thank you for your request which I received on **20 May 2016** about **Wildlife Management at Caerphilly Castle**. The information you requested is enclosed.

- A copy of the reasons why the wildlife management is undertaken at Caerphilly Castle;

Cadw undertakes routine management of wild birds, for health and safety purposes, at all the properties in its care. The management of wild birds is necessary to control the number of birds at the sites and prevent the spread of disease.

Wild birds are fouling the walls and ground causing acidic damage to the stoneworks, eroding the embankments making them unsafe for the public and creating possible health hazards to staff. In addition the water quality of the moat is greatly affected as the build up of waste matter produced by the birds heavily contaminates the water and hurts or kills the aquatic life.

Over the past three years during the breeding season a treatment program consisting of weekly visits by a two man team has been undertaken. This team replaces all the Canada goose eggs with temporary plastic eggs. The plan is that in another few years the geese will see the site as poor for breeding and move away to raise the young elsewhere.

This has shown to be very effective in controlling the flock numbers as few new birds have been raised. Left unchecked the population will increase.

- A copy of any licence held by Cadw to undertake the wildlife management activities at Caerphilly Castle;

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Cadw is the Welsh Government's historic environment service. Our aim is to promote the conservation and appreciation of Wales's historic environment.

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As a landowner or occupier Cadw has been granted a licence to carry out certain activities that would otherwise be prohibited by the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981).

A copy of the relevant Licences issued by Natural Resources Wales have been attached (Doc 1 to 3).

- A copy of the instructions issued by Cadw to the contractors undertaking the activities at Caerphilly Castle;

Please find attached a copy of the Shooting Methodology used by Aderyn Pest Control (Doc 4). In addition I have attached copies of all the purchase orders issued to Aderyn Pest Control to show the range of work they have undertaken for Cadw (Doc 5). These invoices have been redacted due to their commercially sensitive nature.

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Yours sincerely