



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

17th April, 2025.

Dear Dr Long,

Thank you to you and your colleagues for your letter requesting an audience with His Majesty The King to present your report on *A Nature-Positive Vision for Scotland's Highland Sporting Estates* and for kindly sharing a copy of the completed report.

His Majesty has asked me to reply on his behalf and to thank you for the hard work and consideration of you and your colleagues in producing this proposal. Many of the concerns you raised align with The King's longstanding interest in, and work on, protecting and enhancing Nature. As I am sure you will understand, His Majesty receives many requests of this nature and the pressures on The King's time mean it is not possible to fulfil your audience request on this occasion. I am sorry to send what I know will be a disappointing response.

May I once again thank you for your kindness in taking the time to write and assure you that this letter comes with His Majesty's best wishes and renewed thanks for your continued efforts in this essential area.

Dr. Nathan Ross
Assistant Private Secretary to The King

Dr. Deborah Long.