



SECRET WORLD

Ms Elin Jones  
Minister for Rural Affairs  
The Welsh Assembly  
Cathays Park  
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April 24<sup>th</sup> 2009

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The culling of badgers will need to be undertaken for at least 5 years and we would like to know where the finances for this programme is coming from and indeed how you can prove that this will be cost effective.

The pilot scheme is to find hard boundaries that will cancel out the edge effect. What hard boundaries are you considering and what will be the objective of such as scheme if it does not translate into a working policy that is achievable?

Will farmers who subsequently suffer Bovine TB breakdowns in their herds due to the culling of badgers that causes perturbation be able to bring forward litigation for the losses that they will obviously suffer ?

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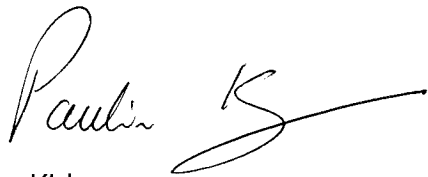
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We also wish to make it clear to the Welsh Assembly that should they go ahead with the cull, many, many people will show their disgust by refusing to buy welsh farming products and prefer not to take holidays in such a country with draconian views. Sadly this will affect all farming people – a shame as a huge number of farmers remain against this pilot scheme that will prove nothing, cost a great deal in money to carry out and be very detrimental to the reputation of the farming fraternity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pauline" followed by a stylized monogram "K".

Pauline Kidner  
Charity Founder

Secret World Wildlife Rescue  
Black and White Campaign

c.c. Sent with the petition forms to the Petitions Committee