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Dear William Powell AM,

I am writing in response to your letter of 4 December in which you ask what action Welsh Government will take should the numbers of Greenland White-fronted Goose (GWfG) fall below the level which would trigger a review under the African-Eurasian Waterbirds Agreement.

I wrote to you in September 2015 outlining the Welsh Government position at that time. My officials have since briefed me on the latest figures from the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust (WWT). They estimate the 2015 Britain and Ireland GWfG population to be 18,854.

This figure is of concern to me, and I have therefore decided that it would be appropriate to re-consult stakeholders in Wales on the option of introducing a statutory ban on the shooting of GWfG in Wales. I expect to be in a position to undertake this consultation early in the New Year.

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