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1 INTRODUCTION

The Application

- 1.1 Planning consent was granted on 6th December 2024 for a clay pigeon shooting school, the stationing of a portable office and toilet blocks, and the use of a farm yard as a car park.
- 1.2 Under Condition 3, planning consent was given for an 18 month temporary period, which expires on 30th June 2026. The stated reason for condition 3 is:
“REASON: A temporary permission is granted to enable the Local Planning Authority to monitor the impacts of the use in the interests of amenity. NB This does not prevent the applicant reapplying for permission prior to the expiry of the temporary time period”.
- 1.3 This application seeks consent to run the shoot school on a permanent basis. As it is a full application, the applicant addresses the other matters governed by conditions.

Summary

- 1.4 The planning consent was given for a short time-limited consent to enable the local planning authority to monitor the impacts in the interest of amenity.
- 1.5 This was the sole reason for the time limit. The shooting school has operated fully under the permission, including event days, and there is no evidence of any amenity concerns having been raised. Accordingly full planning consent can now be issued by the local planning authority, and all other planning considerations remain acceptable.

This Report

- 1.6 This report:
- (i) describes the planning consent and the shoot being operated, to demonstrate that it operates at the scale envisaged;
 - (ii) sets out the key issues to be addressed;
 - (iii) concludes that full consent should be forthcoming.

2 THE PLANNING PERMISSION

The Site

- 2.1 The planning permission approved under PL/2023/11131 applied to the area of land shown outlined in red on the Google Earth image below. For the approved site see Plan KCC2885/06B.

Insert: The Site in Context



The Layout

- 2.2 The proposed layout for shooting areas was shown, with approximate gun positions, on Plan KCC2885/09B, reproduced at a small scale below.

Insert 2: Plan Showing Gun Positions



2.3 The key factor in the layout was that shooting positions were permitted firing west or north, rather than south. There is a dwelling over a kilometre to the south, and the consent sought to minimise potential amenity impacts on that property.

2.4 The numbers placed next to the gun positions is regularly changed, depending upon the shoots being operated. Accordingly current numbering does not equate to those on the plan. However, photographs can be provided on request for all positions, if required. A few examples are provided below.

Photos 1 to 4: Examples of Shoot Positions





- 2.5 Earth bunds have been built to baffle noise, and have or are being planted with mixed vegetation as per the ecological report recommendations.

Photos 5 and 6: Examples of Bunds



- 2.6 The shoot school does not seem to disturb wildlife. The following photos show hares grazing and birds nesting on the trap equipment.

Photos 7 and 8: Wildlife



Operation

- 2.7 Condition 5 sets out the limitations on the hours of operations. It also sets out that a written record shall be kept and made available for inspection by officers. The written record includes names and phone numbers, and accordingly is not appropriate for publication. The days and duration are recorded in **Appendix KCC1**. The original records can be inspected by the Council on request, as per condition 5.
- 2.8 Between January 2025 and the present time the shoot school has operated on 234 days, with 154 shooting days in 2025.
- 2.9 As noted on the records, these are morning, afternoon or all day.
- 2.10 There have been two events:
- charity day 9th May 2025;
 - charity day 15th May 2026.
- 2.11 The office has recently been replaced, with the previous moveable structure being replaced with what was the farm's office. This is shown below.

Photos 9 and 10: Portable Office



- 2.12 Carparking is within the yard, as approved.

3 PLANNING POLICY

- 3.1 The development plan has not changed significantly since the approval.

NPPF

- 3.2 The NPPF was amended a few days after the planning consent was issued, but in respect of key policies referred to by the planning officer, there has been no change.

Core Strategy

- 3.3 The Council was moving towards a replacement to the Core Strategy, but the replacement Local Plan was withdrawn on 19 May 2026. Accordingly the position falls back to the Core Strategy (2015), under which the planning consent was granted.

Summary

- 3.4 There has, therefore, been no material change of planning policy since the temporary consent was granted.

4 NOISE CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The single reason for making the planning permission time-limited was to allow time for the local planning authority to monitor local amenity impacts.
- 4.2 We, and the applicants, are not aware of any noise complaints or issues. It is clear that, with over 230 shooting days having been operated, there is no amenity reason to withhold a permanent consent.
- 4.3 The property that was of concern to the local planning authority was Arundel Farm House, located as shown on Insert 1. This dwelling is located 1,000 m from the edge of the approved red line, next to a road, with a substantial hedge and several lines of vegetation nearby that lie between the dwelling and the shooting school.

Photos 11 and 12: Hedge and Roadside/Byway Side Vegetation



- 4.4 There are other noise generating uses affecting this dwelling. It is on the final flightpath into the airbase, and there is helicopter training operating nearby.
- 4.5 From the other side of the road looking north the shoot school operates at the central and farthest side of the woodland block.

Photo 13: View Towards Shoot School Wood



- 4.6 I stood on the road outside the dwelling whilst shooting was taking place, on a day with a gentle south westerly wind and the guns were not discernible. There will be other days when they may be discernible (from the road, which is not screened as the dwelling is). The Council's Vicky Brown undertook her own assessment and raised no issues.

Noise Management Plan

- 4.7 Condition 7 of PL/2023/11131 required a Noise Management Plan (NMP) to be submitted to the Council for approval (PL/2025/00042). A NMP was submitted for approval. There was a limited exchange of correspondence, and on 12th February 2025 Vicky Brown suggested some amendments be made. It does not appear that these were made, and the application was not determined.
- 4.8 The Applicant did, however, operate under the recommended amendments.
- 4.9 An updated Noise Management Plan is at **Appendix KCC2**. This incorporates all of the points and additions requested by Mrs Brown in her emails of 12/02/25 and 13/03/25, where she suggested using the Beaufort scale to measure wind speed.
- 4.10 An Event Management Plan was required to be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. This would be a very onerous task if it had to be undertaken before each event. An Event Management Plan is at **Appendix KCC3**.
- 4.11 Condition 4 required compliance with the Management Schedule Agreement of August 2024. So that this document is part of the application, it is reproduced in **Appendix KCC4**. It has been updated at para 15 to cover if the manager is not onsite.
- 4.12 Des Sturges, the operator of the shoot school, is in regular contact with the Head of Operations of Boscombe Down and they liaise over events.

Conclusion

- 4.13 There is no amenity concern or issue to prevent permanent use of the site.

Conditions

- 4.14 Conditions are suggested in Section 6.

5 OTHER CONDITIONS

- 5.1 The only other consideration controlled by condition was biodiversity. Condition 8 required submission and compliance with a Biodiversity Enhancement Plan.
- 5.2 By the time of the planning consent all the shooting places were already marked out and were in operation.
- 5.3 The ecological management plan has been implemented in full, and all the requirements have been undertaken. There is no necessity for a further condition.
- 5.4 The locations of the bird and bat boxes are set out in **Appendix KCC5**.
- 5.5 In **Appendix KCC6** is correspondence confirming that stone curlews are not nesting nearby, as had been mentioned to the applicant.

6 CONDITIONS

- 6.1 Conditions are suggested to require compliance with:
- (i) Noise Management Plan;
 - (ii) Event Management Plan;
 - (iii) Management Schedule Agreement.
- 6.2 In terms of hours of operation, it is clear that the current hours of use, and event days, have not resulted in amenity harms. Accordingly there is no reasonable planning requirement for such restricted hours of use. Suggested hours of use are:
- Monday to Saturdays 09.00 to 18.00.
- 6.3 The temporary consent did not permit shooting between Christmas and New Year. This is a very popular time of year, after Christmas, when the public likes outside activity. It is suggested that the restricted days are reduced:
- No shooting shall take place on 25th and 26th December, or 1st January;
 - No event shall take place between 25th December and 1st January inclusive.
- 6.4 In respect of the restriction on events to one per month, there is no evidence that this is necessary. The Applicant suggests the following conditional restriction:
- (i) There shall be no more than 12 event days on Saturdays in any calendar year. An event day is when there will be more than 6 stands in use at any one time. No more than 2 event days will occur on a Saturday in any one calendar month. Event days on a Saturday shall be limited to a maximum of six hours shooting time between 09.00 and 18.00 (not including trial shots whilst setting the traps and assessing wind direction and speed);
 - (ii) There shall be no more than 12 event days on Mondays to Fridays in any calendar year.

7 CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 The planning consent was permitted for a time-limited period of 18 months. The sole reason was to enable the local planning authority to monitor impacts on local amenity.
- 7.2 The Site has been in operation for over 230 days in that 18 months. No complaints have been received.
- 7.3 It is evident that there is no reason for the local planning authority to prevent a permanent consent, subject to conditions.
- 7.4 Suitable conditions, including compliance with Noise and Event Management Plans, are suggested.

Appendix 1
Record of Days When Shooting
has Taken Place

Kernon Countryside Consultants

From: des acornshooting.com <des@acornshooting.com>
Sent: 17 June 2026 10:51
To: Kernon Countryside Consultants
Subject: Re: Beacon Hill Farm DATES SHOT FROM JANUARY 2025

Hi Tony

These are the dates I have used the shooting grounds at Beacon hill farm. The times of lessons are spread through out the days. Rather than write down every time slot I have recorded them as AM, All lessons in the morning. PM All lessons in the afternoon. or AD Lessons spread over the whole day.

I have given more thought to your request for photographs of my diary pages. I do not think it appropriate to disclose names and phone numbers of my clients. I am not sure if it is even legal with data protection. You can assure the planners that I do keep records of all the shooting that I do at various locations as I have to for HMRC. I have to keep all diaries for 6 years.

January 25

3rd AM, 4th AM, 6th AM, 10th AD, 18th AD, 21st PM, 22nd PM, 30th AM.

February 25

1st AM, 3rd AM, 4th AM, 8th AD, 13th PM, 15th AM, 19th AM, 22nd AD, 24th AM, 25th AM, 28th PM.

MARCH 25

1st AD, 3rd AM, 4th AD, 7th AM, 8th AD, 15th AD, 19th AM, 20th AD, 21st AD, 22nd AD, 25th PM, 26th AD, 28th AM, 29th AM, 31st AD.

April 25

1st AD, 2nd AD, 5th AD, 7th AD, 8th AD, 9th AD, 14th PM, 15th PM, 17th PM, 19th AM, 22nd PM, 23rd AM, 26th AM, 29th AD.

May 25

2nd PM, 3rd AD, 6th AM, 9th Charity day 10am to 2pm, 10th AM, 12th AD, 13th AM, 17th PM, 19th PM, 22nd PM, 23rd PM, 24th AD, 27th AD, 29th AM, 30th PM, 31st PM.

June 25

4th AD, 7th AD, 9th PM, 11th AM, 12th AM, 14th AM, 19th AM, 21st AD, 23rd AM, 24th AD, 25th AD.

July 25

2nd PM, 3rd AM, 5th AD, 7th AD, 8th PM, 11th AM, 12th AM, 15th AM, 17th AM, 18th AM, 19th AM, 21 AD, 24th AM, 26th AM, 29th AD, 31st AD.

August 25

1st AD, 2nd AM, 4th AD, 11th AM, 13th AM, 15th PM, 16th AD, 18th AD, 21st AM, 23rd AD, 26th AD, 29th AD, 30th AD.

September 25

4th AM, 5th PM, 6th AM, 10th AM, 11th PM, 12th PM, 13th AD, 17th AM, 18th AM, 22nd AD, 24th AD, 26th AD, 30th AD.

October 25

4th AD, 6th AM, 7th AM, 8th AD, 9th AM, 11th AM, 14th AD, 16th AD, 17th AD, 18th AD, 21st AM, 23rd PM, 24th PM, 25th AD, 29th AD, 31st AM.

November 25

5th AM, 6th AD, 8th AD, 12th AD, 13th AD, 14th AD, 17th PM, 18th PM, 20th AD, 21st AD, 28th AD.

December 25

3rd PM, 4th AD, 11th AD, 12th AD, 13th AD, 15th PM, 17th AM, 19th AD, 22nd AD, 24th AD.

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January 26

12th AM, 15th AM, 16th AM, 19th PM, 20th AM, 23rd PM, 24th AD, 29th AM, 31st AD.

February 26

2nd AM, 5th AM, 6th PM, 7th AM, 10th AM, 12th AD, 14th AD, 18th AM, 19th AM, 21st AD, 24th AM, 25th AM, 26th AM, 28th AD.

March 26

2nd PM, 4th AM, 5th AM, 7th AD, 19th AD, 20th AM, 21st AD, 24th AD, 25th AM, 26th AD, 28th AM, 31st PM.

April 26

4th AM, 8th PM, 9th PM, 10th PM, 11th AM, 13th AD, 15th AM, 16th AD, 17th PM, 18th AM, 21st AM, 22nd AM, 23rd AD, 24th AM, 25th AM, 27th AM, 28th PM, 29th AM.

MAY 26

1st AD, 2nd AM, 6th PM, 7th AD, 8th PM, 9th PM, 12th AM, 13th AD, 14th AM, 15th Charity day 9.30am to 1.30pm, 16th AD, 18th PM, 20th PM, 21st AM, 22nd AM, 23rd AM, 26th PM, 29th PM, 30th AD.

June 26

2nd AM, 4th PM, 5th AM, 6th PM, 11th AD, 13th AD, 15th AM, 16th AM.

Is this enough information for you?

Des

Appendix 2
Noise Management Plan



**BEACON HILL
SHOOT SCHOOL
NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

June 2026

The Shoot School

- 1 The shoot school is located in part of an area of woodland at Beacon Hill Farm, outlined below.



Stand positions and direction of shooting

- 2 The layout of the shooting stands and the directions of shooting are shown below. Numbering may vary between days.

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Types of gun and weight of cartridges that will be used and how this will be monitored and controlled

- 3 The only guns permitted to be used on site will be 12 bore or smaller shotguns and everyone must have a shotgun certificate.
- 4 Only shotguns will be used and no firearms are permitted.
- 5 All cartridges to be used on the Site must be 28 grammes on site with a pellet size of 6 or smaller. This reflects standards at competition grounds and maximum loads for any Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA) competition.
- 6 People using their own cartridges at the ground will be monitored by the applicant or other members of staff and will be restricted to 28 gramme maximum.
- 7 There will be a sign up in the cabin to state all guns used must be 12 bore or smaller and cartridges of 28 grammes or smaller with a pellet size of 6 or smaller.
- 8 On arrival, anyone who is shooting has to make sure that they read the sign and meet the above requirements.

- 9 The applicant and other members of staff will monitor and enforce the rules above, as well as spot checks when going around the site. Records will be kept of any incidents / attempted breaches of these rules, including date/time/no of shots fired. The records will be kept for at least 12 months and will be made available to the local planning authority for inspection subject to prior notice.

Measures that will be taken to limit noise should wind be blowing from the north-

- 10 To maximise potential for noise disturbance to a property to the south, should the wind be blowing from the north at Beauford Wind Force 5 or above (fresh breeze, small trees in leaf begin to sway, wind speeds of 19 mph or more), only the north-facing strands on the plan above shall be used.

Communication with local residents regarding events

- 11 An event day is when there will be more than 6 stands in use at any one time
- 12 The applicant will contact the residents of Arundel Farmhouse and Beacon Hill Cottages to request an email address which can be used to liaise with them and notify them of upcoming events.
- 13 Residents that wish to be notified of events will be notified by email at least 7 days in advance of the event.

Complaints procedure including how complaints will be received, handled, responded to and recorded

- 14 In order to account for the event of a potential complaint about noise, the following plan will be enacted.
1. Residents will be provided by email with a phone number they can call should they wish to make a complaint.
 2. The shoot website will provide details of how noise complaints can be made to the shoot organiser.
 3. The shoot manager will be immediately made aware of any complaint that is received.
 4. The location of the complainant and details of complaint shall be recorded. Should the complainant not wish to provide these details their complaint will be recorded and they shall be made aware that no action will be taken as a result of their complaint.
 5. Weather conditions at the time of complaint and over the period of time it relates to shall be recorded.

6. Steps will be taken to ensure the NMP is being followed and that time restrictions and cumulative duration of shooting restrictions are not being exceeded.
7. Where non-compliance is found, or weather conditions are increasing the impact, steps will be taken to minimise the impact. Where possible these steps will be taken immediately. A record will be kept of what has been done.
8. Where the NMP, time and cumulative duration restrictions are being complied with, regard will be given to any other steps that may be taken to minimise the noise impact and where practical implemented with records kept of steps being taken.
9. The complainant will be contacted to inform them of the outcome of the investigation with a record being made of the details of that contact.
10. The shoot organiser will periodically review details of any complaints made and consider whether the NMP requires improvement.
11. Records of complaints will be kept for a minimum of 12 months and available to the local planning authority on request.

Appendix 3

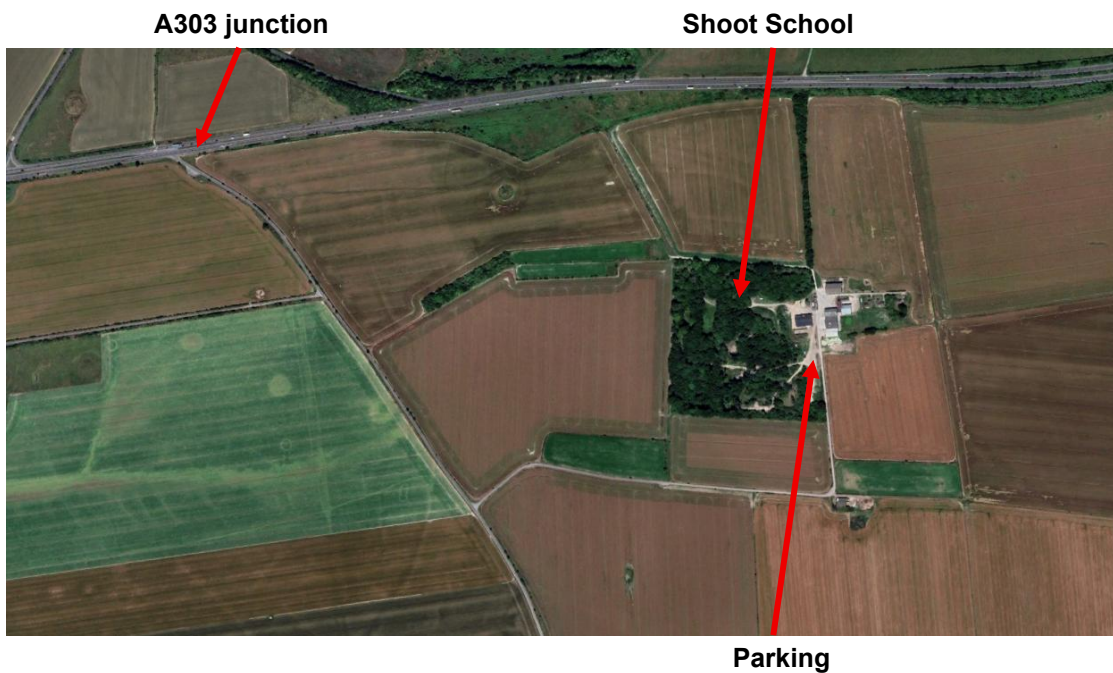
Event Management Plan

BEACON HILL, SHOOT SCHOOL EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

June 2026

The Shoot School and Key Features

- 1 The key features of relevance are indicated below.



Event Day Management

- 2 The shooting events will operate for a maximum of six hours competition time on Saturdays between 09.00 and 18.00 (earliest and latest shooting hours), and between 09.00 and 18.00 on other days. There will be no events on a Sunday, or between 25th December and 1st January.
- 3 Caterers will arrive from 07.30, staff from 08.00.
- 4 Participants will arrive not before 08.30 and will leave before 18.00.
- 5 Participants can arrive from anywhere, but most will use the A303.
- 6 Advance notice of the event will be provided to residents of Arundel Farm House and Beacon Hill Cottages, as set out in the Noise Management Plan.

- 7 A record of the event, and any matters arising, will be kept as specified in the Noise Management Plan.

Appendix 4
Management Schedule
Agreement (updated)



BEACON HILL FARM, AMESBURY

MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE AGREEMENT

August 2024

Operating Schedule

- 1 The shoot school will operate for a maximum of 6 days per week from 09.00 to 18.00. It will not operate on Sundays. No shooting will take place outside of these times.
- 2 The shooting will only take place from the fixed shooting stands and shooting will only take place in the direction that the clays are thrown.
- 3 All shooting will be directed to the west and north. No shooting will take place to the east (towards the farm yard the car park and the farm dwellings). Also shooting will not take place to the south to minimise noise towards Arundel Farm House.

Primary and back up points of contact

- 4 Manager's details:
Name- Des Sturgess
Telephone Number- 07702155189
Email address- des@acornshooting.com
- 5 Farner manager's details:
Name- Tim Davies
Telephone Number- 07881941634
Email address- tim.davies1923@btinternet.com
- 6 Air Traffic Control at MOD Boscombe Down details:
Telephone Number- 01980663246

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7 Main Operations at MOD Boscombe Down details:

Telephone Number- 01980663052

Email address- bcemainops@qinetiq.r.mil.uk

Procedure for reporting/communicating

8 MOD Boscombe Down Air Traffic Zone operates from 07:30 to 23:59 Monday to Friday and from Sunrise to Sunset Saturday and Sunday. The manager will assume that aircraft will fly over the site during these hours.

9 Confirmation has been made that MOD Boscombe Down Ops will inform Beacon Hill if any changes are made to their times.

10 Confirmation has been made from the manager that he is happy to schedule monthly/quarterly meetings with MOD Boscombe Down Ops, to ensure that they are both aware of dates/times of planned shooting activity.

11 Beacon Hill will list their range within NATS Civ AIP Part 2 ENR 5.3 OTHER ACTIVITIES OF A DANGEROUS NATURE AND OTHER POTENTIAL HAZARDS for all aviation community.

Measures for clay shooting to not conflict aircraft movements

12 When visiting the site, all people who are using the clay shooting facilities and are equipped with a gun get given a safety talk before they start.

13 The following will be included in the safety talk and written on a warning sign in the club house;

“The site is located within the Air Traffic Zone of a nearby operational military aerodrome. You are reminded that it is a criminal offence, under the provisions of Article 240 of the Air Navigation Order 2016 (as amended), for any person to recklessly or negligently act in a manner likely to endanger an aircraft, or any person in an aircraft. Measure for clay shooting to not conflict aircraft movements”.

14 Only experienced licensed shooters will be allowed to practice at the ground unsupervised. All inexperienced shooters have to shoot accompanied either by the manager or other qualified instructors on site.

- 15 The manager (or senior member of staff) will always be on site when people are shooting and he is aware of when aircraft are going over the site. It will be ensured that shooting stops at any stands firing when an aircraft flies directly overhead, over the guns/traps, or over the area of shot fallout.
- 16 The closest shooting position is over 1.6km (1 mile) from the edge of the runway. Shooting will not take place in the direction of the runway, as set out above.
- 17 The shooting ground will follow guidelines from the CPSA (clay pigeon shooting association). For example, cartridges used are recommended by the CPSA, consisting of a maximum 28 gram in sizes 7 to 9 which are very small pellets.
- 18 The manager has confirmed that he is happy for the MOD Boscombe Down to invite him to participate in their routine planning process, either monthly or quarterly and either by telephone, other media or in person, meeting with the MOD Boscombe Down Ops and/or ATC Team.
19. This Management Schedule Agreement will be reviewed annually with Main Operations, MOD Boscombe Down, or on the request of the Local Planning Authority, Beacon Hill Farm or the Ministry of Defence.

Appendix 5
Location of Bat and Bird Boxes

ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT COMPLETED

Bird Nesting Boxes

These have been provided, 12 no. in total, at the locations identified below with red blobs.

Bat Boxes

These have been provided at locations identified, 3 no. in total, at the locations identified with green blobs.



Appendix KCC 6
Correspondence Regarding Stone
Curlews

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nick Tomalin <Nick.Tomalin@rspb.org.uk>

Date: 24 June 2026 at 16:48:37 BST

To: Desmond Sturgess <des@acornshooting.com>

Subject: Re: Contact from Acorn shooting ground. Beacon hill farm.Amesbury

Hi Des,

Thanks for letting me know. I've done a brief check and can't see any dedicated stone-curlew plots within 300m of the shooting area. I'm aware that there used to be a couple nearby, in the range 500-1000m, but these are either rotational and have been moved, or have been lost. There are areas of cover crops which could be used by stone-curlew, though this is not their primary purpose, and also stone-curlew could be nesting in the crops when the rotation puts spring cereal nearby. There are consistently a couple of pairs in that area, usually in the large field to the west which runs downhill towards Solstice Park, and to the south around the edge of Boscombe Down. These are mostly in the region of 1-2km.

If the planners have any specific details that they can share on locations, then I would be happy to take a further look at it.

If you are keen to support the work, then a dedicated stone-curlew plot would be very welcome. These are 1-2ha in size and we could identify an area that would be suitable. I don't know the full extent of the farm so it's difficult to say exactly where would be best, but we would be very happy to advise. We work with plenty of farmers and gamekeepers who have shoots and it's possible to accommodate the birds and the shoot without much difficulty.

Please let me know if that would be of interest, and feel free to come back to me with any queries or further info. I'd be happy to talk it through if useful, but I suspect it might be helpful to have it in writing so you can share the info with the planners.

All the best,

Nick

From: Desmond Sturgess <des@acornshooting.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 19:18

To: Nick Tomalin <Nick.Tomalin@rspb.org.uk>

Subject: Re: Contact from Acorn shooting ground. Beacon hill farm.Amesbury

Hi Nick

Thank you very much for your response. The shooting ground is in the Woodland next to the farm yard on the west side.

Des

Sent from my iPhone

On 11 Jun 2026, at 10:16, Nick Tomalin <Nick.Tomalin@rspb.org.uk> wrote:

Hi Des,

I'm sorry for the slow response on this, I've been mostly in the field surveying. I'd be happy to take a look at this and provide any advice that I can. I'm happy to talk it through but it would first be useful to know your exact location. I can then check our plot details and any stone-curlew records for your area. I can see roughly where you are by googling Acorn Shooting but do you have an area on the farm where the shoot takes place?

Any further information you could provide would be very helpful. Many thanks,

Nick

From: des acornshooting.com <des@acornshooting.com>

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2026 09:09

To: Nick Tomalin <Nick.Tomalin@rspb.org.uk>

Cc: Robert Blackler <Robert.Blackler@rspb.org.uk>

Subject: Contact from Acorn shooting ground. Beacon hill farm.Amesbury

Good morning Nick

I was given your email address by Robert Blackler. I have a shooting ground at Beacon hill farm Amesbury. Its been in operation for 6 years now and we are in the process of renewing planning for the clay shooting. It has been brought to our attention by the planners that the shooting could be affecting the stone curlews locally. they are claiming that there are stone curlew plots within 300 meters of the shooting ground. I know this is not the case as they would have to be on my landlords farm and they are not. I thought to contact you to arrange a meeting or telephone call to discuss this. And to see if there is anything we can do going forward to that would be helpful to local bird life rather than detrimental?

My apologies for dropping this on you and if you could spare me a few minutes i would be very grateful.

Des Sturgess

07702 155189

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