

**SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS**

REPORT: Red Grouse Shooting Rights on the
Hatterrall Hill
AUTHOR: Bradley Welch
**MEETING AND DATE
OF MEETING:** National Park Authority
11 July 2014

I have considered grounds for exemption of information contained in the report referred to above and make the following recommendation to the Proper Officer:-

Exemptions applying to the report:

Item 12 - Information relating to a particular individual.

Item 13 - Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

Item 14 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Factors in favour of disclosure: The decision involves shooting red grouse on open access land and an area with public footpaths. Local individuals and visitors may be interested in discussions related to their welfare.

Prejudice which would result if the information were disclosed: There is an informal agreement with the individual involved and his shooting syndicate where the Authority is paid a small sum of money in exchange for the privilege to shoot on the hill. Members of the public could use this information to target the individual and his associates, resulting in harassment or other negative effects on their health and well-being.

My view on the public interest test is as follows: Public welfare is one of the considerations being accounted for in this decision. Due care and attention will be given to these points. However, exposure of the individual's identity and details could result in negative repercussions for the individual and his associates. Consequently, the individual's safety and well-being need to be protected as there will be no benefit to the Authority, the decision or the public in knowing this identity or details.

Recommended decision on exemption from disclosure: The paper should be presented to the NPA as a confidential item.

Date: 5 June 2014

Signed:



Post: Senior Ecologist

I ~~accept~~ do not accept the recommendation made above.

John Cook

Proper Officer

Date:

6/6/14