

West Essex Golf Club urged not to cull Canada geese

London, UK - Animal Aid, one of the UK's largest animal rights organisations, has reached out to West Essex Golf Club following media reports of plans to shoot Canada geese on the property.

This cull is reportedly due to the bird's droppings proving a nuisance. It is reported that five gunmen are to be hired to shoot up to 20 birds per night.

This has drawn criticism from local residents and club members alike, and the club has already been advised by the RSPB to 'find another way'.

In a letter to Alan Kerby, Secretary of West Essex Golf Club, Animal Aid have suggested multiple humane deterrence methods, which have been proven effective, including the use of balloon kites and flags to deter geese from landing on the greens.

These measures will discourage the geese from visiting the golf course without inflicting unnecessary harm.

Says Jade Emery, Campaigner at Animal Aid:

'Wildlife culls have proven time and time again to be cruel and futile. Canada geese are well liked by members of the public, and many people are outraged that these birds may be brutally shot when alternative measures could instead be taken, and bloodshed avoided. It is likely that the offspring of any surviving geese will replace those who are culled, making shooting an ineffective long-term solution.'

We urge West Essex Golf Club to reconsider this heartless cull, and instead explore the assortment of alternatives suggested in the letter.'

Notes to Editors

- Animal Aid's letter to Alan Kerby is available on request.
- For more information, or to arrange an interview, please contact jade@animalaid.co.uk or telephone 01732 364 546