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Deputy Steve Luce
Minister for the Environment

BY EMAIL

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Dear Minister,

Animal Welfare & Control Review – Public Hearing Follow-up

Thank you for attending last week's Animal Welfare & Control Review Public Hearing. As stated at the close of the session, the Panel had an additional question that could not be asked during the hearing and would therefore be grateful to receive your response to the following:

1. The Jersey Marine Spatial Plan identified that current beach-control regulations focus on separating dogs from other beach users rather than protecting sensitive wildlife, particularly overwintering and wading birds in areas such as St Aubin's Bay, St Catherine's Bay, Archirondel and Anne Port. What assessment, if any, has been made of the increased ecological pressures on Ecological Sites of Special Interest during the summer beach restriction period, including the impact of professional dog walking businesses?

The Panel would be grateful for your written response within five working days of receipt of this letter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Hilary Jeune
Chair, Environment, Housing, and Infrastructure Panel