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Dear Sir

Re: [REDACTED]

Further to your recent letter, addressed to Mr Gascoigne.

Changes in the regulatory environment have caused us to change our control measures as advised by our Pest Control Officer. A summary relating to this issue can be found at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/biocides/eu-bpr/rodenticides.htm> and I have provided an extract of the key paragraphs in Appendix 1.

In order to address the problem at Oakmere Park we have taken the following actions:-

- Placing temporary notices around the park, requesting that the public stop feeding wildlife.
- Attempting to smoke out rats from their nests in order to kill them.

We have further actions planned, including further smoking of nests, trapping and possibly night-time shooting (subject to relevant approval). Should these methods fail to achieve adequate control, it is our understanding that we will then be permitted to use chemical controls.

Yours faithfully

David Smith
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