

MOD SHOEBURYNNESS PEST CONTROL ON THE TENANTED ESTATE

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Pest control is the term used to describe the use of shotguns, firearms and other legal methods to kill, or attempt to do so, the pest bird species listed on the relevant general licences, (such as woodpigeon, corvids) and pest mammals (including deer, foxes, rabbits and squirrels) under the Agriculture Act 1947 and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. It is the legitimate culling of species identified as vermin because they are deemed a threat to agriculture. Pest control is not categorised as commercial, or Recreational Shooting and as such, has different compliance requirements.

This quick-reference guide is comprised of extracts from the document '*MOD Shoeburyness – Rules for Non-operational Shooting, SHB/NONOPSHOOTINGPOLICY/003/0523, May 2023*' and should be used in conjunction with the overarching document.

Who is permitted to conduct pest control on the tenanted estate?

In addition to the Tenant Farmers themselves, only those individuals (whether resident or non-resident of MOD Shoeburyness), directly sponsored by a named Tenant Farmer and notified to the MOD DIO will be permitted access/given permission to conduct pest control involving firearms. These individuals are referred to as 'Sponsored (Authorised) Pest Controllers (SPCs)' and a list of SPCs is held at Landwick Gate. If a non-resident SPC intends to conduct pest control activities at any point during a visit to the Range, they **must** declare this intent upon arrival at Landwick Gate and follow the process detailed on the next page.

Health & Safety – Duty of Care

Tenant Farmers are responsible for ensuring that all of their SPCs have the appropriate qualifications, licenses and knowledge to conduct pest control activities safely and legally. Tenant Farmers are also responsible for ensuring that all of their SPCs have been briefed on the known hazards at MOD Shoeburyness (e.g. safety closures, UXO), the MOD byelaws and the procedures for access and pest control open/cease fire communications with QinetiQ. A copy of the site H&S video has been supplied to all Tenant Farmers for contractor briefing purposes and is available on the Foulness Residents' Web.

When can pest control be conducted?

Pest control may take place whilst the Range is active, as well as during non-active hours in accordance with the instructions in the table on the next page.

Useful contacts

- MOD Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) - John Cooper, 01480 452451 (Ext 4534), john.cooper599@mod.gov.uk
- MOD Establishment Manager (MOD EM) – Phillip Eaves, 07929 827348, philip.eaves100@mod.gov.uk
- QinetiQ Head of Site (QQ HoS) - Gary Hale, 01702 383671, ghale1@qinetiq.com
- QinetiQ Operations Manager (QQ OM) - Rob Addison, 01702 383647, rcaddison@qinetiq.com
- QinetiQ Community Liaison Officer (QQ CLO) - Nicki Uden, 01702 383468, nuden@qinetiq.com
- QinetiQ Range Control Manager (QQ RCM) - Danny Williams, 01702 383545 djwilliams4@qinetiq.com
- QinetiQ Security Manager (QQ SM) - Grant Lumsden, gdlumsden@qinetiq.com
- QGS Landwick Gate - 01702 383855, qgsshoeburyness@qinetiq.com

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 Instructions for Sponsored Pest Controllers - residents and non-residents of MOD Shoeburyness

	Instruction	Active Hours	Non-Active Hours	Site Resident	Non-resident
1	Non-resident SPCs begin here: On arrival at Landwick Gate, you must state the nature of the visit as 'Pest Control' and provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your name • photographic ID (non-passholders) Then go to Step 2 or Step 3 depending on whether you arrive during Active or Non-Active Hours	✓	✓		✓
2	Resident SPCs begin here: Visit/contact Range Control (01702 383211/12) to inform of your intent to pest control and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide your name • discuss area/s of interest • request permission to proceed 	✓		✓	✓
3	Visit/contact Landwick Gate (01702 383385) to inform of your intent to pest control and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide your name • discuss area/s of interest 		✓	✓	✓
4	Once area/s of interest have been agreed/communicated the pest control activity must not move to another location	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	When pest control activity is complete, contact/visit Range Control to provide update (01702 383211/12)	✓		✓	✓
6	When pest control activity is complete, contact/visit Landwick Gate to provide update (01702 383385)		✓	✓	✓