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Dear Robin

We wish to provide our support as an employer within the game management industry. The Forestry Commission is one of the Country's leaders in deer management and has a long term relationship with Sparsholt College to ensure suitably qualified and experienced young staff are coming through into the business. Indeed some of our current staff have done the tailored game courses at Sparsholt College before finding employment with us. We support the City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land & Wildlife, which includes a game pathway. We believe it is suitable for someone aged 16 years or over and would be viewed by employers as providing a good foundation for someone progressing into the land and wildlife management sector.

The skills and knowledge in the qualification include:

- Health and safety and safe working practices
- Working in the land and wildlife industry
- Assist with pest and predator control
- Assist with the maintenance of game and deer populations
- Game and deer species in the UK
- Assist with shooting activities
- Work experience (150 hours)
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We believe that these would give a young person an advantage when seeking employment for a job as a:

- trainee deer manager
- trainee underkeeper
- trainee game farm worker
- assistant maintenance operative.

In addition, to those skills and knowledge specifically associated with the Game industry, the qualification would also be suitable for someone to progress to further learning and training, or to an apprenticeship.

We confirm that we consent to our company name (and logo) being made publicly available on the City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely,  
Andy Page (Head of Wildlife Management)