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Dear Sir

Banning Offensive Weapons – A Consultation

In response to the above document: -

- Question 1. Nottinghamshire Police support the proposal of adding Samurai/single edged swords to the Offensive Weapons Order.
- Question 2. We agree with the definition proposed but would suggest no length be stipulated
- Question 3. Any exemption will prove problematic for enforcement agencies. The provenance of authenticity may be very problematic for both owners of genuine collector swords and the Police alike. Any exemptions will leave an open door for the sword to be misused or finding its way into the wrong hands. Swords cannot effectively be decommissioned as firearms can for genuine collectors.
- Question 4. We can see no justification for martial arts practitioners to use samurai swords. Similar in appearance, 'non lethal' aids could be utilised as opposed to an offensive weapon.

Yours sincerely



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