

27th August, 2015.

**To: Each Local Authority**

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I write to inform you that at a recent Meeting of Limerick City and County Council, the following resolution was adopted and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support:

***"That, the relevant Ministers for Agriculture and Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht are contacted about the unsatisfactory situation regarding the marketability of lands designated for the hen harrier; in particular, where a farmer wants to upgrade his/her farm by purchasing non-designated agricultural lands from the sale proceeds of the designated land, that we call on the State to either purchase the relevant land at forestry value or remove the designation so the forestry companies can purchase and plant same."***

Is mise le meas,

  
For Christy O'Connor,  
Meetings Administrator.