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**Consultation Questions**

<p><b>Question 1</b> Should a licence be needed to sell non-domestic knives? <i>Possibly</i></p>
<p><b>Question 2</b> What types of knife should be covered by a definition of a non-domestic knife?</p>
<p><b>Question 3</b> What conditions should be imposed on someone seeking a licence to sell non-domestic knives? <i>No criminal convictions No knives on display</i></p>
<p><b>Question 4</b> What would be the costs for businesses of licensing the sale of knives? <i>Who knows?</i></p>

<p><b>Question 5</b> Should it be a criminal offence to purchase a (non-domestic) knife from an unlicensed seller? <i>No</i></p>
<p><b>Question 6</b> Should shops require a licence to sell swords? <i>No</i></p>
<p><b>Question 7</b> Should the sale of swords by shops be restricted to require them to sell only to members of approved organisations? <i>certainly not.</i></p>
<p><b>Question 8</b> Should the sale of all swords be banned? <i>certainly not.</i></p>

**Question 9**

If so, should there be any groups who are exempted from that ban (i.e. should there be any reasons/uses for which it remains legitimate to sell swords)?

**Question 10**

Should the sale of only samurai swords be banned?

No

**Question 11**

If so, should any groups of people be exempt from that ban (i.e. should there be any reasons/uses for which it remains legitimate to sell samurai swords)?

**Question 12**

How should a samurai sword be defined?

As a martial arts expert + get a proper definition.

**Question 13**

Is there a case for individual licences for the purchase of swords?

No

**Respondent Information Form**

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TACKLING KNIFE CRIME – A CONSULTATION

**1. Are you responding as:**

(a) an individual (go to 2a/b)

(b) on behalf of a group or organisation (go to 2c)

**2a. Individuals:**

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Yes (go to 2b below)

No, not at all



Taking guns from law abiding citizens after  
 Dundane has had absolutely no effect whatsoever  
 on the levels of gun crime.

This consultation document on tackling knife crime  
 is the usual government knee jerk reaction to assuage  
 what is perceived to be mounting public concern.

To remove knives & more particularly swords from  
 people will have no effect whatsoever on the level  
 of crimes committed by thugs using them. They will  
 always be able to acquire weapons of whatever  
 sort they deem necessary. Glasgow/west of Scotland  
 criminals have always carried & used knives & razors.

Simply banning knives & swords is tackling the  
 problem from the wrong end so to speak. A lack of  
 discipline in the home which spills over into trouble  
 in schools & onto the streets where no-one is  
 authority, is allowed to take the little

leaves them to the inescapable conclusion that  
 they can, & do, get away with anything. If

\* You remove the weapon of choice, criminals will  
 resort to other items in order to defend themselves  
 or to use as offensive weapons - axes, baseball  
 bats or even caps. What do you intend to ban  
 next? ~~Banning hunting~~ - It all smacks of 1984

eleven years too late. Big Brother & political  
 correctness gone mad - especially the attempt to  
 ban swords: I understand that

McCannell is unable to understand why anyone  
 would want a sword. They are items of beauty,  
 skillfully made & a joy to collectors - & are  
 responsible people. How many murders, or  
 violent assaults have been committed by thugs using

Sword? I urge you carefully do not include those figures  
in your consultation document.

If crimes are committed using knives or swords,  
then make the punishment fit the crime. In this  
country we are far too soft on criminals.

As for advice from the police suggesting local young men  
with criminal temptations are using samurai swords -  
could they back this up with evidence? I suspect  
they have their own agenda.

To deny people the right to collect/use  
swords + knives infringes the European Convention  
on human rights + discriminates against law-  
abiding citizens. Strong feelings about this issue are  
not + never will be in law, a substitute for the  
extra steps that had to be taken before (European)  
Convention Rights can be legitimately interfered with.  
A total, or even a partial ban on the sale of +  
collection of swords + knives is not justified.

I have no quarrel with the summation on  
Tactical Knife Crime until para 3. "Advice from the police  
suggests". Suggests is not good enough - their assertion  
should be positive + backed up by facts.

Para 4 - "Strong arguments" - not detailed. What do you  
mean - provide arguments or preferably facts.

Para 6 sub para 5. You have no right to ban the sale  
of swords - see above - you are breaching the European  
Convention on Human Rights. Even to licence them  
would be a breach - bona fide collectors have a right  
to collect. I doubt if anyone in the Scottish Parliament  
or civil service could identify a samurai sword if it  
jumped up + bit them.

I wish to make it plain that I have no

Interest in collecting either knives or swords.

What I do object to most strongly is my freedoms being whittled away, eroded piecemeal by inured up second rate politically correct wackos.

the Dabzell