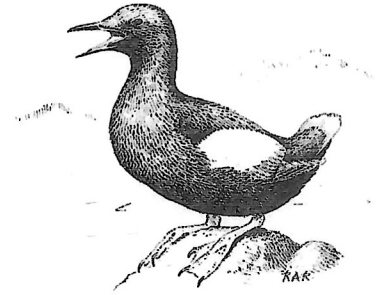


# Shetland Bird Club



14th October 1983

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Dear Mr Harrison,

I am writing to inform you that the application for a mink farm on Trondra was rejected at a planning meeting of the Shetland Islands Council on 5th October by 15 votes to 2. We were amazed by the disparity of the voting and it is clear that the level of objection to the planning application was taken far more seriously by councillors than we had dared hope. Over 100 objections were received by the Planning Department, including ones from Norway, Switzerland, South Africa and the Falkland Islands while your own letter raised considerable interest, not least because it is the first time that the local authority have received a formal objection from Hawaii !! On that subject, I would like to express the gratitude of the Shetland Bird Club towards yourself and the Pacific Seabird Group for taking the trouble to become involved.

We are now directing our efforts towards lobbying for a change in the mink-keeping regulations that would prohibit the establishment of new mink farms in Shetland, Orkney and the Western Isles so that we don't have to go through all this rigmarole every few years. Finally, I would like to say (as modestly as possible) that if the Shetland Bird Club can ever be of similar assistance to your own organisation, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Henbank.