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Dr George

Thank you for your letter of 26 June on behalf of a number of your constituents about environmental protection. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

The government is committed to ensuring this generation leaves the environment in a better state than we inherited it. We will produce a comprehensive 25 year environment plan that will chart how we will improve our environment as we leave the European Union and take control of our environmental legislation again.

The European Union Withdrawal Bill will make sure the whole body of existing EU environmental law continues to have effect in UK law, providing businesses and stakeholders with maximum certainty as we leave the EU. We will then have the opportunity, over time, to ensure our legislative framework delivers our overall commitment of improving the environment within a generation.

Thank you again for your letter.

With every good wish,

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Michael Gove