

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me regarding wild animals in circuses.

I understand that the Government continues to support a ban on wild animals in circuses and was fully committed to supporting the Private Member's Bill, the Wild Animals in Circuses Bill, in the last Parliament.

Unfortunately, this Bill was unable to make progress due to the lack of parliamentary time before the General Election. However, the Government are fully committed to introducing a ban in this Parliament.

Presently, the ban stands to impact on two travelling circuses who only function with a small number of animals who are closely monitored and inspected under the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs interim 'Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012'.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and I hope this has reassured you of the Government's commitment to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

**CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY**