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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the environment.

I am delighted to say that the Government is entirely committed to protecting both the UK's vibrant ecosystem and the natural environment worldwide. Environmental and economic progress are not just compatible: they depend on each other. The Government is committed to being the UK's greenest ever.

Carbon emissions have fallen by 6 percent since 2010 contributing to a 27 per cent reduction since 1990. Britain's share of electricity generated from renewables has doubled since 2009 and Ministers are determined to ensure we become a world leader in the new green economy.

In the last Parliament Ministers provided £7.5 million to establish 12 Nature Improvement Areas, created 150,000 acres of priority habitats and planted over 11 million trees; over this Parliament there will be 11 million more. The National Pollinator Strategy will improve our understanding of the abundance, diversity and role of pollinators over the next three to five years, and identify any additional actions needed to protect them.

Fifty Marine Conservation Zones have been created to help protect our rich marine life, joining the UK's over 500 existing marine protected areas. The Government is now creating a new UK Blue Belt of protected sites, in British waters and around the UK's 14 Overseas Territories where there is local support and environmental need.

I appreciate your concern about the future of EU environmental regulation, but let me assure you that it will remain in place until the UK formally leaves the EU. The Government will work with our EU neighbours, environmental organisations and the public to develop the new arrangements.

Once again, many thanks for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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

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