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Dear George,

Thank you for your letter of 1 February to the Secretary of State on behalf of your constituent about the Environment Bill. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

The Government has committed to ambitious green targets to achieve our goal of being the first generation to leave the environment in a better state than which we inherited it. The 25 Year Environment Plan (25 YEP) sets out how we will replenish depleted soils, rid seas and rivers of the rubbish affecting our planet, cut greenhouse gas emissions, cleanse our air of toxic pollutants, and develop cleaner, more sustainable energy sources. We will also manage pressures on the environment, by mitigating and adapting to climate change, minimising waste, managing our exposure to chemicals and enhancing biosecurity. As part of the 25 YEP we committed to creating or restoring 500,000 hectares of wildlife-rich habitat as part of a Nature Recovery Network and to developing a new strategy for nature which will help us protect our most important wildlife sites and species.

On 19 December 2018 we published our draft Environment (Principles and Governance) clauses; these draft clauses will be central to our new Environment Bill, the first of its kind for 20 years. The clauses set out how we will create a pioneering new system of green governance, establishing an Office for Environmental Protection, to ensure we succeed in leaving the environment in a better condition than we found it. The draft clauses also introduce a set of environmental principles that will be used to guide future Government policy making and place our 25 YEP on a statutory footing. These measures are only part of a broader intended Environment Bill, which will include ambitious legislative measures to take direct action to address the biggest environmental priorities of our age: air quality, nature recovery, waste and resource efficiency, and water resource management.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

The Government has committed to ambitious green targets to achieve our goal of being the first generation to leave the environment in a better state than when we inherited it. The 25 Year Environment Plan (25 YEP) sets out how we will restore degraded soils, reduce our share of the global carbon footprint, and improve our green economy. We will also manage our water resources more sustainably, and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. Managing our waste, including our plastic, is a key part of this plan. In 2018, we introduced the 25 YEP, which sets out our ambition to reduce our waste to landfill by 50% by 2035. We will also introduce a new energy efficiency standard for buildings, which will help us reduce our carbon footprint and save money.

On 19 December 2018 we published our 25 Year Environment Plan (25 YEP) and Government's 25 Year Environment Plan. The plan sets out our ambition to reduce our waste to landfill by 50% by 2035. We will also introduce a new energy efficiency standard for buildings, which will help us reduce our carbon footprint and save money.

We will continue to work with you to ensure that we meet our 25 Year Environment Plan targets. We will also continue to work with you to ensure that we meet our 25 Year Environment Plan targets.

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