Dear [Name] MP,

I’m writing to urge you to do all you can to put a stop to the UK Government’s attack on nature.

I’m deeply concerned that The Wildlife Trusts, RSPB, National Trust and others have warned that the recent announcement of the new planning and infrastructure law and ‘investment zones’ represent the weakening of protections that safeguard our already beleaguered wildlife, whilst putting our most precious local wildlife sites at threat from bulldozers and concrete. This is in addition to the new Retained EU Law Bill, where the UK Government threatens to tear up the basic wildlife protections we’ve relied upon for years.

What’s more, reversing plans to support nature-friendly farming, as pledged in the Government’s manifesto, would be a huge missed opportunity and devastating for nature. Returning to an agricultural system where farmers are paid with taxpayers' money based on how much land they own is unfair and unsustainable.

The UK Government is dismissing environmental protections as ‘burdens’, yet our economy depends upon everything that nature provides – from food production to clean air and water, and so much more. A commitment to deregulation, which allows developers to get away with trashing our most important wildlife sites and polluters to poison our rivers with more sewage, will only damage our country and economy.

If Labour wants to be seen as a trustworthy government-in-waiting, it must stand up, loud and clear, in support of nature. You have the opportunity to drive forwards an ambitious environmental agenda that works for nature, farmers and communities, at a time when the stakes have never been higher. Labour can do this by publicly committing to support farmers to provide vital services, rather than paying them based on how much land they own, and by ensuring that local communities keep their voice within the planning system. I hope I can rely on you to ensure environmental protections – whether they are derived from EU law or not – are strengthened, not scrapped.

Please help me to defend nature by doing all you can to urge the Prime Minister and the Government to put a stop to this attack and instead ramp up action to protect our wildlife, our climate, and our futures.

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