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Dr Thérèse Coffey MP
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

Dear Rupa,

Thank you for your letter of 20 July to the Secretary of State on behalf of a number of your constituents about the EU Habitats and Wild Birds Directives. I am replying as Minister responsible for this policy area. I understand how strongly your constituent feels about wildlife protection and the role that these Directives have played.

While we are still members of the EU, we will continue to comply with these Directives. Leaving the EU offers the opportunity to establish policies specific and appropriate to the United Kingdom.

The Government remains committed to conserving our natural environment, building on the UK's long history of wildlife protection.

Yours sincerely,

DR THERESE COFFEY MP