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Member of Parliament for Horsham



**HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: THE ENVIRONMENT**

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.

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. Once the UK leaves the EU, future policy in this area will be considered by the Prime Minister.

A healthy environment is vital for a healthy economy; it drives food and farming, the rural economy and the health of our cities. The Government is committed to being the UK's greenest ever.

Thank you again for contacting me.

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Quin'.