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Member of Parliament for Horsham



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: PALM OIL

Thank you for contacting me about palm oil.

I entirely share your concerns and am aware that palm oil production is often linked to deforestation. This can then have major impacts on biodiversity, specific endangered species, climate change and land rights for local people.

I therefore warmly welcome the agreement the Government has facilitated between UK organisations using palm oil that they will work towards ensuring that 100 per cent of their supply is sourced from responsible producers, and does not contribute to deforestation.

You may also be interested to hear that in October 2012, the UK businesses that use palm oil agreed a statement on sustainable sourcing. As well as benefiting the environment, its aim is to send a positive message to all nations that use or produce palm oil to encourage them to move towards sustainable sources.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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