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Charter for the Environment

A healthy and resilient environment is essential to everyone. We need clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, fertile soils to grow food in, healthy seas to fish in and a stable climate.

With the UK Government's announcement of the first Westminster Environment Act in over 20 years, we have a once in a generation opportunity to create world leading legislation that sets us on the path to restoring nature and improving our environment for generations to come.

I back a Westminster Environment Act that:

- **secures** the recovery of nature and a healthy environment for the benefit of people and wildlife;
- **sets** ambitious legally binding targets to clean up our air, seas and rivers; return our soils to health; ensure resilient ecosystems on land and at sea; recover our native biodiversity; improve access to green space; address climate change; and reduce waste;
- **creates** nature recovery networks, mapped and delivered locally, to contribute to delivering these targets;
- **establishes** an independent watchdog with the powers to hold the UK government and public bodies to account, underpinned by world leading environmental principles enshrined in law;
- **reflects** our commitment to reducing our global environment footprint, and restoring nature overseas.

The environment does not respect borders; and high standards for the environment will be necessary across the whole of the UK. Future environmental protection and legislation will work best where it is co-designed and co-owned by all four countries, whilst respecting the devolution settlements.

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