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Dear Sir Ian,

Aligning the UK's economic goals with environmental sustainability

Thank you for your letter of 26th April in response to mine of 5th April. The Committee considered your response at its meeting on 22nd June, alongside a response from the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, dated 16th June, to my letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer of 5th April.

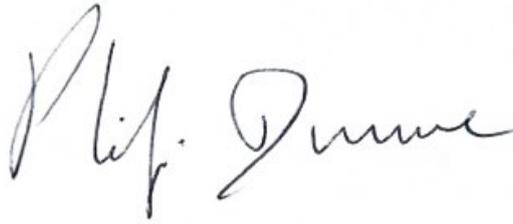
The Committee was encouraged to note your positive response to my letter and to the spirit of the Committee's inquiry. Members welcomed the decision to pilot the publication of climate change-related statistics alongside the preliminary quarterly estimate of GDP on 12th May 2022, and the publication on the same date of an initial methodological paper concerning a quarterly estimate of residence-based greenhouse gas emissions. The Committee has also noted with approval the publication, earlier in May, of a new approach to bringing together the statistical indicators of the extent and condition of nature in the UK.

These initiatives are of substantial public benefit in facilitating a rounded assessment of the interplay of economic growth and societal well-being. We should be very interested to receive a report of any evaluation of these pilots. We look forward to the update you have undertaken to provide on the progress in developing national statistics in this field.

Thank you again for the very constructive spirit in which you and the Office for National Statistics have engaged with the Committee's work.

As before, I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee and publishing it on the Committee's website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Philip Dunne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping tail.

Rt Hon Philip Dunne MP
Chairman of the Environmental Audit Committee