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Dear Lord Cameron

Thank you for your letter of 13th October, addressed to the previous Secretary of State. I look forward to reading your report when it is published later this month. My focus is on delivering the Government's objectives for food, farming and the environment, and the Land Use Framework will play an important part in that.

This Government is committed to good stewardship, which means leaving the environment in a better state than we found it. Clearly how land is used has a key part to play, which is why I will keep the commitment of my predecessor, the Rt Hon George Eustice MP, to publish a Land Use Framework in 2023.

Insight from your Committee's inquiry will be considered as part of the framework's creation, alongside the fulfilment of supporting environmental targets, net zero and food security objectives.

Planning is principally a matter for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and local authorities.

The principles of ELMS have been set out clearly. We continue to finalise our approach and will inform Parliament and the public in due course.

I look forward to reading your committee's report.

Regards,

The Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP
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