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Dear Lady Sheehan,

‘The State of the Climate and Nature’ announcement

We are writing to inform you that today, we are making a statement to Parliament on the state of climate and nature. It will be the first-of-its-kind and provide the British public with an assessment of the climate and nature crises we face and the action that this government is taking in response.

This government has put climate and nature at the heart of the agenda as never before, recognising that the fight to protect our home is a deeply British cause, and that there is strong support of the British public to tackle these crises. The government is committed to working in partnership with civil society, communities and business to restore and protect our natural world and accelerate to net zero. We welcome engagement on these issues and were pleased to see the public and Parliamentarians’ engagement at The Climate Coalition’s mass lobby event on 9th July.

Today, we made a written statement to Parliament outlining the publications released this morning, which detail the scale of the crisis and will inform our approach going forward. The Met Office has released its ‘State of the UK Climate 2024’ report, which shows extreme weather events, such as this summer’s heatwaves, are becoming more common in the UK. We’ve also published the UK Government’s 2025 Environmental Improvement Plan Annual Progress Report, and for the first time published a progress report on the ‘Protected Landscapes Targets and Outcomes Framework’. We have also launched a report entitled ‘Unlocking benefits for people, nature and climate: Actions to jointly address climate change and biodiversity loss in England’. This report brings together our action to meet our Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement and our comprehensive National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

We also make clear in our written statement the steps we have taken to deliver on the actions agreed with the sponsors of the Climate and Nature Private Members’ Bill. The first action was to establish a statement on the State of the Climate and Nature, as we are doing today. The written statement notes the steps taken on nature restoration, consumption emissions, public participation and collaboration between the Joint Nature Conservation Committee and the Climate Change Committee.

Alongside our commitment to tackling the climate and nature crises, we are equally committed to improving the resilience of our communities by adapting to the climate change that is already happening. To achieve this, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has announced that they will explore how stronger adaptation objectives can be set to improve preparedness for the impacts of climate change, which will be crucial to an ambitious and impactful fourth National Adaptation Programme due in 2028.

We look forward to continuing to engage with your committee and its members as we deliver for climate and nature and bring forward our strategic documents later this year.

Yours ever,



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