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Dear Mrs Loftus,

Thank you for your email and the attached letter on behalf of the mentioned climate groups regarding the National Emergency Briefing on climate and nature. I am grateful to you for sharing your thoughts with me.

While I am unable to attend the petition debate, I can assure you that I do recognise the urgency of tackling climate change and protecting the beautiful landscapes in our area. This must be done in a way that supports people's finances, living standards and our energy security. The best way to cut emissions is through clean, reliable nuclear power and by making electricity cheaper, so that people choose to buy electric cars and heat their homes with low-carbon systems because it makes sense for their finances as well as the planet.

The current approach under the Climate Change Act is not delivering. It forces Ministers to pursue policies that raise energy bills, burden businesses, and risk deindustrialising our country, all while global emissions continue to rise. We should focus on cheap and secure energy. This does not mean abandoning our commitment to tackling climate change; it means doing so in a way that works for Britain, supporting innovation, protecting nature, and helping develop technologies that will reduce emissions globally, where the biggest difference can be made.

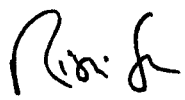
The previous Government created or restored wildlife habitats the size of Dorset, established 100 Marine Protected Areas across 35,000 square miles of English waters, and passed the Environment Act to restore nature.

We also planted over 15 million trees and introduced a range of measures to reduce single-use plastics. This included introducing a charge for single-use carrier bags in 2015. As a result, sales of single-use plastic carrier bags sold by the main supermarket retailers have fallen by almost 98 per cent, a reduction from 7.6 billion bags in 2014 to 164 million in 2024/25. It is important that the Government builds on this work.

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Thank you again for taking the time to contact me. If there is anything I can do to help in the future, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,



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