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Dear Lesley,

The RSPB has released a new report entitled 'A World Richer in Nature: Getting nature positive in the UK by 2030'. This report sets RSPB's vision for how to make this the decade of action for nature.

Cymraeg: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/documents/decade-of-action-report-welsh.pdf>

English: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/documents/decade-of-action-report-final.pdf>

With less than 50 days to go before the Convention on Biological Diversity COP15, you will be well aware of the urgency needed to build support for a strong Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Given that we are already two years into the decade, there isn't a moment to waste – countries across the world need to be preparing to deliver a nature positive world by 2030. This requires the global commitments to be matched by action at home.

The UK has positioned itself as a global leader on nature over recent years. In Wales, the nature emergency declaration in the Senedd last year has helped galvanise high ambitions for nature recovery, and the Climate Change Minister's Biodiversity Deep Dive this autumn has shown a commitment to moving from

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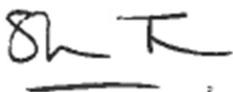
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words into actions. The Agriculture Bill and proposals for the Sustainable Farming Scheme show strong intent, and ensuring they are as ambitious as possible for nature and climate is a critical element of the response we need.

However, there is much concern that policies announced by the UK Government in September risk undermining the UK's international credibility and have real implications for the fate of wildlife across the whole of the UK. We are calling upon the new Prime Minister to remove these threats to our wildlife immediately, and we trust you are also making this call.

There are major opportunities ahead but also a huge amount of work needed to protect and restore nature. Our new report gives recommendations for how Governments across the UK can turn this situation around, step up and deliver a world richer in nature. We urge the Welsh Government to enshrine in law the goal to achieve a Nature Positive Wales, which means halting and starting to reverse biodiversity loss by 2030, at the earliest opportunity. This would align with the global goals anticipated to be agreed at COP15, showing Wales's commitment to playing its part and translating the new global framework into domestic action.

Yours,



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