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Dear Stephen

Thank you for your further email of 14 March, regarding Afonydd Cymru's complaint to the European Commission regarding river pollution.

I would welcome sight of the complaint.

As I replied previously, I share your concern with the state of some of our rivers and I am committed to tackling this. I fully recognise the detrimental impact agricultural pollution is having on our rivers.

It is vital for proposals to be developed in partnership with industry and wider stakeholders. This approach will bring about more sustainable, successful solutions than regulations alone.

I expect to receive initial recommendations from the Wales Land Management Forum Sub group on how best to address agricultural pollution by the end of March. The report from the group and the views of other stakeholders will be used to inform the next steps which will need to be taken to address agricultural pollution.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

While we intend to explore options to provide land managers with flexibility, where these would achieve the same or better outcomes than a regulatory approach, I am clear that voluntary measures alone will not tackle the issue.

Regards
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