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Dear Stephen

Thank you for your letter of 3 February regarding CHAP (2018)00832 agricultural pollution in Wales and correspondence between yourselves and the European Commission in relation to your complaint.

NRW's role is to protect and improve the environment in Wales and I expect them to use the full range of levers they have at their disposal, including enforcement of regulations and the provision of advice and guidance. I also recognise, however, that there can be other helpful sources of advice and guidance, and I am aware of the good work that you have been doing in the Wye catchment and have started in west Wales. I hope in both respects that this brings about favourable results.

I note your concerns around monitoring and I am aware you have also raised this issue at the Wales Land Management Forum sub group on agricultural pollution. I will ask my officials to work with NRW on this issue and they will discuss this with you separately.

As you will be aware, the measures I am introducing are primarily to tackle agricultural pollution to water. There will however be benefits from farmers implementing the measures to other areas, including ammonia release to the air along with de-carbonisation benefits. I will, however, consider whether it is feasible to broaden the scope of the regulations as you have outlined.

Regards

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