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Arfon Williams & Roger Thomas

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Dear Arfon Williams & Roger Thomas

Thank you for your letter of 3 June, regarding the Wales Land Management Forum sub-group on agricultural pollution.

The work of the Wales Land Management Forum (WLMF) sub-group on agricultural pollution and its representative organisations have played a significant role in informing my thinking on the need to introduce regulations. The WLMF subgroup has also helped to develop a suite of measures to support the industry to tackle agricultural pollution including voluntary initiatives, financial support, advice and guidance.

A combination of legislative and voluntary actions to tackle agricultural pollution incidents have been supported by the Welsh Government for a considerable period, despite this, the scale of poor practice and non-compliance demonstrates the current measures are not enough to address this issue.

The Welsh Government's commitment to address pollution from agricultural practices and the decline in biodiversity requires decisive action before it is too late. The regulations I have proposed represent a significant increase in the management of agricultural practices across Wales which reflect the seriousness of the present situation.

The WLMF subgroup members have the opportunity to express their views on these issues and scrutinise and comment on any proposals which come forward. I urge Wales Environment Link to take full advantage of membership to engage in future discussion and shape the group's response.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

Achieving a consensus on difficult issues is always challenging the importance and urgency of addressing agricultural pollution must not be lost in this process. I have asked my officials to raise your concerns about the operation and membership of the WLMF with Natural Resources Wales at the earliest opportunity. I would also be pleased to discuss this matter further with you during our regular meetings.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

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