

Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government

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David Melding AM

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Dear David,

Following Plenary on 29 November I said I would write to you about the work we are doing and will continue to do to restore our peatlands.

Peatland restoration delivers multiple benefits and delivers across many of our legislative and policy goals.

EU funding has been critical to much of the peatland restoration delivered to date, and will continue to be so up until the point of our departure from the EU.

I would like to reassure you that we have an ongoing commitment to sustainable management of our peatlands, beyond our membership of the EU and our 2020 peatland target.

Consideration is being given as to how peatland restoration can be secured within the context of our post EU funding landscape and our evolving policy framework. This includes new opportunities such as payment for ecosystem services schemes.

Yours sincerely,

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