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Thank you for your letter of 14th July, regarding the Outline Sustainable Farming Scheme.

I am encouraged by your support for several areas proposed in the Outline Sustainable Farming Scheme and recognise the concerns you have raised on budgets levels and ensuring the right elements of the proposals are funded.

My officials are working on proposals on how we transition to the new scheme and I intend to consult on this next year alongside publication of the final scheme. I welcome your offer of support on this and for a further detailed response on the scheme.

I am committed to tackling the challenges presented by the climate and nature emergencies. I intend to introduce an agriculture bill in the Autumn and this will require all future support to demonstrate how it will deliver against the following SLM objectives.

- Produce food in a sustainable manner
- Mitigate and adapt to climate change
- Maintain and enhance the resilience of ecosystems and the benefits they provide
- Conserve and enhance the countryside and cultural resources, promoting public access and engagement with them.

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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.

The impact assessment of the final scheme proposals will assess the contribution the SFS is expected to make to a range of Welsh government targets included our net zero and the 30-30. When the scheme is launched ongoing, robust, monitoring and evaluation of the scheme will be essential to ensure these ambitions are realised.

I will ask my officials to set up a meeting with you to discuss the other detailed points raised in your letter.

I look forward to discussing these proposals with you directly in the forthcoming months.

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