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Josh Dean MP
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Dear Mr Dean,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I'm writing to communicate that, at the meeting of Full Council on 11th December 2023, Ware Town Council resolved to support the Climate and Nature Bill (formerly known as the Climate and Ecology Bill). At the time we wrote to your predecessor, and we now write to you to request your support for this vitally important piece of legislation.

We believe we must ensure that the UK has the strongest laws in place to reverse the destruction of nature and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5°C – two key targets that are essential to the UK's future.

We are writing to communicate both our emphatic support for the Bill and to ask if you, as our Member of Parliament, will support the Climate and Nature Bill when it is presented for its second reading in the House in January 2025? It is a comprehensive, proactive, cross-party proposal – drafted by world-leading scientists – to ensure that the UK plays its full role in tackling biodiversity loss and climate change.

Though the UK has a record of environmental legislation, from the Climate Change Act 2008 to the 2050 Target Amendment Order 2019, there is a gap between what is currently being delivered and what the Government needs to do to act in line with the latest science. The Climate and Nature Bill, would:

- 1) Provide a clear, joined-up plan – as the crises in climate and nature are deeply intertwined, they require a plan that considers both together.
- 2) Reduce UK emissions in line with the Paris Agreement – ensuring that UK emissions are reduced rapidly for the best chance of limiting warming to 1.5°C.
- 3) Halt and reverse the decline in nature – setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030, as agreed at COP15.
- 4) Ensure that the UK takes responsibility for our overseas footprint, both emissions and ecological.

- 5) Involve the public – giving people a say in finding a fair way forward through a ‘Climate and Nature Assembly’.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter and in considering your support for the Climate and Nature Bill. I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Thomas Day

Leader of Ware Town Council
Councillor for Trinity Ward