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Dear Mr. Knight,

Thank you for your letter of 27 January to the Secretary of State about the Landscapes Review. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

I am grateful for your letter and heartened to read your enthusiastic response to the Review.

The Government welcomes the spirit and ambition of the Review, which aligns with the vision of our 25 Year Environment Plan. Many of the measures in the Environment Bill, which was reintroduced to Parliament on 30 January, will protect and enhance the environment in our designated landscapes. For example, mandatory biodiversity net gain and Local Nature Recovery Strategies will create new opportunities for wildlife and habitats to thrive including within National Parks and AONBs. It is a vital piece of legislation to help address the environment and climate emergency we are facing and protect and improve the environment for future generations.

The Landscapes Review includes recommendations for significant change to the current system and we are taking the time to consider these carefully. The Government is ready to meet the challenge set out by the recommendations to make our countryside more beautiful, more biodiverse and truly open for everyone. We will set out plans to respond to the findings later this year.

Yours sincerely,
John Gardiner