Cllr xx

Council Address xx

Date

Dear Councillor xx

You may be aware that the State of Nature report published on 4th October paints a very bleak picture of the decline in nature across the UK. At a time when public support for conservation is at its highest, public sector expenditure on biodiversity in the UK is falling.

I am writing to urge you to consider how [xx council] can play its part turning things around for nature in our area.

Firstly, I would urge [xx council] to review how it manages all of its land, including offices , roads, parks and playgrounds in order to reverse the trends of wildlife decline and combat the climate crisis. For example, managing parks and woodland for the benefit of wildlife can also provide flood relief and a means of carbon sequestration. In addition [xx council] should lead the way by powering all its public buildings by renewable energy, by integrating green features into the fabric of its buildings and by updating all its vehicles to electric.

Secondly I would urge [xx council] to support the development of a Local Nature Recovery Map for the area and the embedding of it into local plans. Nature Recovery Maps will identify areas where the greatest benefit for wildlife and people can be achieved. Developing Local Nature Recovery Maps is the key to supporting both the recovery of wildlife and the improvement of public health, by increasing regular access to nature for all.

Yours sincerely