Dear …….MP,

During the lockdown, the importance of our green spaces has been made more apparent than ever. As the lockdown is beginning to ease, I believe that we must now take the opportunity to tackle climate change and nature’s decline, rather than just carry on as before.

As your constituent I urge you to commit to champion a green recovery from Covid-19 locally, nationally and internationally, and specifically I am writing to ask you to contact the Environment Minister, George Eustice MP about the Environment Bill to ask that this important legislation is returned to Parliament as soon as possible.

I believe that the Environment Bill should:

* **Put environmental ambition, principles and governance at the heart of government**.
* Include ambitious but realistic legally binding interim and long-term targets to ensure this work is kept on track.
* Include a **duty** for ministersto apply the environmental principles of integration, prevention, precaution, rectification and polluter pays.
* Be amended to ensure the benefits of biodiversity offsets (new habitats created to offset harm done by developments) are protected for ever, not just for 30 years.
* Include a **requirement** for local authorities to incorporate local nature recovery strategies, including Nature Recovery Networks, in their local plans.
* Include a requirement for biodiversity ‘net gain’ in all future housing and infrastructure developments.

Finally, I would be grateful if you could share my views with a member of the Committee once the Bill Committee resumes.

Yours sincerely