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Dear Mr Hancock

Wickhambrook Parish Council has asked me to write to you on its behalf. At its meeting on 30th November, it resolved to ask you to support the Climate and Ecology Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 10 May in its progress through parliament. It is a vital, new, cross-party proposal—drafted by world-leading scientists—to ensure that the UK plays its full role in tackling biodiversity loss and climate change. This legislation is needed to 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.

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 Ecology Bill, or CE Bill, would:

- 1) Provide a clear, joined-up plan—as the crises in climate and nature are deeply intertwined, requiring 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 considering your support for the CE Bill. I look forward to hearing from you, and if possible, please copy parliament@zerohour.uk in your reply.

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