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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,
RE: BEES.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of neonicotinoid insecticides and bees.

I entirely agree with you that bees and other pollinators play a vital role in the security of our food supply and the quality of our environment. I welcome the work the Government has done over the last few years to protect them, most recently through its *National Pollinator Strategy*.

While we remain in the EU, the UK will continue to meet its obligations under EU law, including restrictions on neonicotinoids.

As part of the preparation for exiting the EU, Ministers are considering future arrangements for pesticides. Their highest priority will continue to be the protection of people and the environment and, taking the advice of the independent, Expert Committee on Pesticides, they will base these decisions on a careful scientific assessment of the risks.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

Tom

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