Dear Councillor <insert name>,

**I’m writing to urge you to do all you can to put a stop to the UK Government’s attack on nature.**

I’m deeply concerned that Norfolk Wildlife Trust, RSPB, National Trust and others have warned that the Government are proposing the removal of some policies that control building and development and the creation of ‘Investment Zones’. Equally worrying are their plans to fast-track major construction projects and a wholesale review of environmental support to farmers and land managers.

The Government’s recent announcements read like an open attack on nature, putting Norfolk's landscape, people and prosperity in great peril.

The Government are dismissing environmental protections as unnecessary ‘burdens’, and pitting nature recovery against the economy and food production. Yet Norfolk’s prosperity depends upon everything that nature provides – from farming and tourism to clean air and water.

Removing environmental regulations will allow development on some of our most precious landscapes and pollution to poison our rivers and coast, causing irreversible harm to wildlife, people and business.

Our county’s special and inspiring landscapes, including the much-loved North Norfolk Coast, the wildlife-rich Norfolk Broads and the unique Brecks are at the very heart of our wellbeing, our livelihoods and our mental health. Losing any part of our natural landscape, such as rare chalk streams, ancient woodland, heathlands and wildlife friendly farmland would diminish all of Norfolk and its people.

What is good for nature is good for everyone. There is no way to prosper without a healthy environment and this requires protection and support at a national scale.

The Conservative Government was elected in 2019 on a manifesto pledge to deliver the “most ambitious environmental programme of any country on earth”. The weakening of vital environmental protections is a 180-degree U turn on that promise, which the Government has no mandate to do.

Please help me to defend nature by doing all you can to urge the Prime Minister and the Government to put a stop to this attack and instead ramp up action to protect our wildlife, our climate, and our futures.

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