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Dear Naomi,

Thank you for your letters of 28 December to the Prime Minister. I am replying on behalf of His Majesty's Government as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

Achieving the net zero target is a priority for the Government, and we are backing a range of measures to help farmers with sustainable food production, reduce emissions from agriculture, and support consumer choice.

Environmentally sustainable farming is fundamental to our new approach to England's agricultural system. Our schemes will pay for sustainable farming practices (such as reducing carbon emissions, creating and preserving habitat, and making landscape-scale environmental changes) and improvements to animal health and welfare. This is an important step towards achieving our 25 Year Environment Plan ambitions and our carbon net zero goals.

We have already begun rolling out the Environmental Land Management schemes, including the Sustainable Farming Incentive, which focuses on supporting farmers to undertake activities to grow food, whilst improving the environment and animal health and welfare.

I trust this briefly outlines the steps the Government is taking to ensure greater environmental sustainability.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP**