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## *Matt Bishop MP (Forest of Dean, Lab)*

Email: matt.bishop.mp@parliament.uk

Subject: Supporting the Climate and Nature Bill

Dear Mr Bishop,

I am writing to you to ask, as a constituent, if you will please support the Climate and Nature Bill (or CAN Bill), legislation which is supported by CPRE, here, at a county level, and also nationally.

In the Forest of Dean, and across Gloucestershire, we are already seeing the effects of the climate and nature crisis locally. We live in a rural constituency, which is prone to severe flooding. This year alone we’ve had many red alerts for flooding and are currently dealing with the devastating after effects of Storm Bert—damaged businesses and farmland, school and GP surgery closures, communities cut off due to impassable roads and rail closures—with Christmas just around the corner.

As the crisis accelerates, it is clear that the new Labour government needs to step up and tackle it head on. However, the UK is currently not on track to meet the UK’s international commitments – made under the Paris Agreement and the Global Biodiversity Framework – which will become due by 2030.

The CAN Bill—which was introduced by Roz Savage MP on 16 October with cross-party sponsors—would plug this gap by enshrining the UK’s two, key, existing international commitments on climate and nature into law. These commitments were both made under previous Conservative Governments and are:

1. To “halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030” as agreed at the 2022 UN Biodiversity COP in Montreal during Rishi Sunak’s premiership.
2. To avoid warming exceeding the critical 1.5°C threshold as agreed at Paris COP in 2015 under David Cameron’s premiership. Through this the UK made its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) commitment to reduce emissions by 68% on 1990 levels by 2030.

While the new Labour Government has taken welcome steps to decarbonise and protect nature, neither current government policy nor our existing legislation matches the ambition of these international pledges.

For example, the Environment Act only requires the UK to halt species loss by 2030, while we are internationally committed to halting and reversing nature loss by 2030 under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework 2022. This is much more ambitious. Given that the UK is one of most nature-depleted countries in the world, it is vitally important that we bend the curve ahead of 2030.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister’s recent announcement that the UK will cut emissions 81% on 1990 levels by 2035 means we will break our NDC agreement (68% reduction on 1990 levels by 2030) during this administration’s term in office. At a time when the US is likely to undermine or abandon the Paris agreement during Donald Trump's presidency, it is incumbent on the UK to show leadership here.

Tackling the climate and nature crisis will have huge co-benefits for our constituency including warmer, better insulated homes; cheaper energy; better public transport; restored and flourishing nature and wildlife. It will also allow the UK to honour its international commitments and regain its status as a global leader in this sphere.

This is why over 250 Parliamentarians are now backing the CAN Bill, including 191 MPs, the majority of whom are your Labour and Labour/Co-op colleagues, led by Dr Simon Opher, Alex Sobel and Olivia Blake.

I think it would be deeply disappointing to see a Labour Government breaking ambitious environmental targets that were made under previous Conservative administrations and are coming due between now and 2030.

I hope you will vote for the CAN Bill at its Second Reading on Friday 24 January. In the meantime, please could you escalate my concerns as your constituent to DEFRA and DESNZ.

I look forward to hearing from you, and very much hope you will support, and vote for, the CAN Bill on 24 January.

Yours sincerely,

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## *Alex McIntyre MP (Gloucester, Lab)*

Email: alex.mcintyre.mp@parliament.uk

Subject: Supporting the Climate and Nature Bill

Dear Mr McIntyre,

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In Gloucester, and across Gloucestershire, we are already seeing the effects of the climate and nature crisis locally. We’ve seen frequent flooding across both the city and wider county this year alone—businesses damaged and residents anxious that their homes will flood every time it rains.

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## Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown (North Cotswolds, Con)

Email: cliftonbrowng@parliament.uk

Subject: Supporting the Climate and Nature Bill

Dear Sir Geoffrey,

I am writing to you to ask, as a constituent, if you will please support the Climate and Nature Bill (or CAN Bill), legislation which is supported by CPRE, here, at a county level, and also nationally.

In North Cotswolds, and across Gloucestershire, we are already seeing the effects of the climate and nature crisis locally. We live in a rural constituency, which is prone to severe flooding. This year alone we’ve had many red alerts for flooding and are currently dealing with the devastating after effects of Storm Bert—damaged businesses and farmland, school and GP surgery closures, communities cut off due to impassable roads and rail closures—with Christmas just around the corner.

The CAN Bill was reintroduced into Parliament on 16 October by Roz Savage with 11 cross-party co-sponsors including two Conservative MPs, Sir Roger Gale and Simon Hoare. The second reading of the CAN Bill will be on Friday 24 January.

The CAN Bill enshrines the UK’s two, key, existing international commitments on climate and nature into law. These commitments were both made under previous Conservative Governments and are:

1. To “halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030” as agreed at the 2022 UN Biodiversity COP in Montreal during Rishi Sunak’s premiership.
2. To “limit global warming to 1.5°C” as agreed at the 2015 climate COP in Paris under David Cameron’s premiership. The treaty was signed by (the then Foreign Secretary) Boris Johnson.

Do you support both of these international commitments? At present, the Government is not on track to meet either of them—and our existing legislation falls far short of their ambition.

Because meeting these international pledges would require large-scale changes across society, the CAN Bill proposes a proposed temporary, advisory citizens’ assembly—representative of British society—to support the Government’s delivery of the integrated climate and nature action we need to see.

This would be very much like the 2020 Climate Assembly UK that was set up by Parliament, under Boris Johnson’s premiership, and would not dilute Parliament’s sovereignty.

Reflecting on the 2020 Climate Assembly, Alok Sharma said: “This Assembly represents the very best of civil society. It’s people from across the whole country who have come together, giving up their time to shape the future on climate action. […] I do believe that the climate assembly has shown us the benefits of working with a dedicated group. One that’s been given time and information to consider complex issues in full.” I believe that the CAN Bill’s Citizen’s Assembly would be equally valuable.

As explained, the Labour Government is not on track to achieve the UK’s two, vital international commitments for 2030. This is the last Government that can ensure these pledges, made under previous Conservative Governments, can be met.

I do hope you will express your support for the CAN Bill and help hold the Government’s feet to the fire on this vital issue. In the meantime please could you escalate my concerns as your constituent to DEFRA and DESNZ.

I look forward to hearing from you, and very much hope you will support, and vote for, the CAN on 24 January.

Yours sincerely,