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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Ms Ogden-Newton,

I want to thank you and your co-signatories for your letter of 31 July, congratulating me on my appointment as Prime Minister. It is an immense privilege to serve the nation in this way, and I am acutely aware of my responsibility to deliver change, and hope, for all.

On the steps of Downing Street, I committed to leading a mission-driven Government, which pursues change for the betterment of society. I have been clear on the first steps towards achieving this and the Government is working at pace to deliver for the whole country. I want to assure you that this Government is committed to protecting our natural world, tackling climate change and achieving Net Zero by 2050. Our manifesto was also clear that we are committed to reducing waste by moving to a circular economy. I welcome your views and continued engagement with the Government regarding the merits of a UK-wide deposit return scheme.

I have passed your correspondence to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and asked them to follow up on this matter with you. Thank you, once again, for writing to me and please do share this response with your co-signatories.

All best wishes,

Ms Allison Ogden-Newton OBE