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Dear Gwyn

Sustainable Farming Scheme

I am writing to you regarding the Committee's inquiry into the Welsh Government's proposed Sustainable Farming Scheme.

We held a one-day inquiry on Thursday 9 May in which we received oral evidence from farming unions, environmental organisations, the UK Climate Change Committee and Professor Janet Dwyer. Professor Dwyer mentioned your expertise, and the Committee agreed to write to you seeking your views on the sustainable farming scheme.

The areas that we covered in our one-day inquiry broadly included engagement, payment methodology, universal actions, optional and collaborative layers, tree cover, net zero and biodiversity commitments, small farms and horticulture, organic farming, delay to introduction, new entrants, trade and lessons learnt. The Committee would be very keen to hear your views on any of those subject areas, and anything else you think may be relevant.

Any thoughts you may be able to provide on this inquiry would be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

Kind regards,



Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

