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**From Lord de Mauley**  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Natural Environment and Science

**Conservation Covenants**

The Law Commission published its report on conservation covenants, including draft legislation, last summer.

The Government welcomes the Law Commission's proposals and its contribution to the debate about how to deliver conservation objectives.

As you will have seen, conservation covenants do not feature in the current legislative programme other than, possibly, as part of the legislation which is specific to HS2. But we will keep the proposal under review before providing you with a full response later this year.

Thank you for your work,  
Yours sincerely,