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Dear Consultee,

Consultation on the ‘Revised National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (Plant Protection Products)’

1. I am writing to invite views on the proposed revision of the National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (the revised NAP).
2. For the following consultation the UK Governments have produced a draft revised National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (revised NAP draft). The Revised NAP Draft aims to increase uptake of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and sustainable crop protection, in line with Defra’s 25 Year Environment Plan, the Welsh Minister’s Natural Resources Policy, The Environment Strategy for Scotland, and the goals of the Environment Strategy for Northern Ireland to protect and enhance the environment for future generations. The NAP will be delivered in support of Government targets across the UK on biodiversity and carbon net zero. Defra and the Devolved Administrations want to further consider the views of pesticide users, pesticide related industries (including food retail and manufacture), environmental and public health groups, and the general public in an effort to move forward together on issues surrounding pesticides.
3. Defra will act as the main point of contact for the purpose of managing the consultation. Defra will however be working closely with the Devolved Administrations throughout the process and to analyse the consultation responses.
4. The following document may be found on Defra’s website:
<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/pesticides-future-strategy/sustainable-use-of-pesticides-national-action-plan>
 - a. **Consultation on ‘The Revised National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (Plant Protection Products)’**

5. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a paper copy of this consultation, please contact: pesticides@defra.gov.uk.

Responses

6. To submit your consultation response, please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an on-line consultation tool). Should it not be possible to respond via Citizen Space, please contact: pesticides@defra.gov.uk, through which we can arrange an alternative method of response.
7. Responses should be received by Friday 26 February 2021

Consultation Criteria

8. This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. These can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>.
9. A summary of responses to this consultation will be published on the government website at: www.gov.uk within 12 weeks of the consultation closing. The summary will include a list of organisations that responded but not personal names, addresses or other contact details.

Confidentiality and data protection

This consultation document and consultation process have been planned to adhere to the Consultation Principles issued by the Cabinet Office.

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes these are primarily the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs), the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). We have obligations, mainly under the EIRs, FOIA and DPA, to disclose information to particular recipients or to the public in certain circumstances.

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, as a public authority, the Department is bound by the Freedom of Information Act and may therefore be obliged to disclose all or some of the information you provide. In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be

maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

This consultation is being conducted in line with the “Consultation Principles” and can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

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Or email: consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us.

Yours faithfully

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